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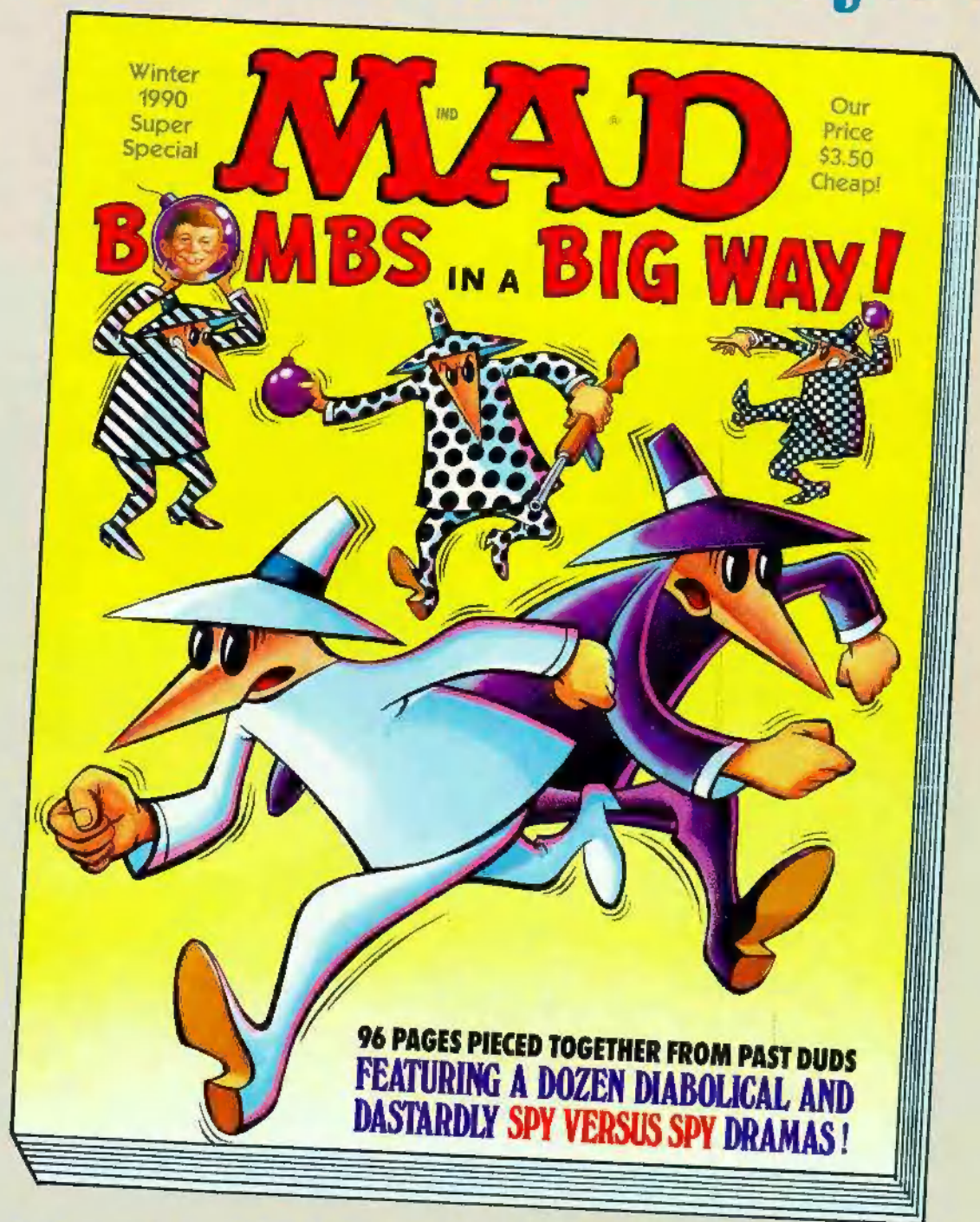
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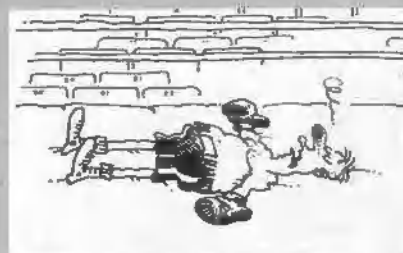
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What scholar doesn't know the famous poem:

"HE STUCK AN ARROW IN HIS HAIR,
TO SNAG AN APPLE FROM THE AIR."

Well, now you can buy the book that's even more
screwed up than those scholars! Namely



This book, greeted with thunderous applesauce
when it first appeared, is available wherever
magazines and rotten fruit are sold!



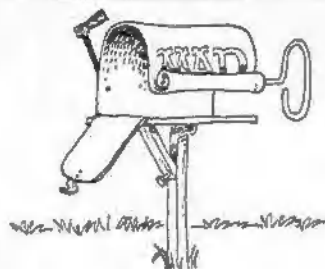
PUNS ON THE RUN

I just bought MAD #294. Your ad for
the College of Sock Repair really *stunk*!
Who's the *knitwit* that thought it up? Your
cartoon about the Exxon oil spill wasn't
slick either. In fact, it was rather *crude*! I
think your "Old McDonald" song should
be *put out to pasture*! It belongs on a *funny*
farm!

David A. Hoffman
Pittsburgh, PA

David—You've been breathing in way, way too
much of that Pittsburgh air!—Ed.

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



"MOST WANTED JERKS"

Yo, dummies! You screwed up once again!
In MAD #295's "America's 9 Most Wanted
Jerks" there were 10! You forgot to count
the Maggot Twins (Ruta and Rita) as two
people!

Berry Hall
Rome, OH

And YOU bounce that total right up to 11 now,
don't ya, Berry! Thanks for writing!—Ed.

ALL BRENT OUT OF SHAPE

MAD E.S.P. strikes again! In your
March, 1990 issue (#293) you presented
your "12-Point Plan For Improving America
(Without Spending More Tax Dollars)." Number two read, "Send Brent Musburger
to explore a part of the Amazon rain forest
from which no previous explorer has ever
returned." Lo and behold! On April 1st,
Brent was canned by CBS!

John Devine
East Aurora, NY

John—We publish humorous articles, and
never intend for our suggestions to be taken
seriously. Unfortunately, the dimwitted
numbskull CBS executives who read our article
didn't seem to realize this. Go know!—Ed.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PERSON?

I am an eighth grader at the Johnsbury,
IL, Junior High. Our literature instructor
requires us to study (of all things) MAD as
part of our satire unit. I also did a research
paper for this class dealing with punish-
ment and justice during the Middle Ages.
The enclosed picture is of the 3-D project

that went along with the paper. This project
has led me to a great million-dollar idea
that I am willing to share with you. Present-
ing the new line of every girl's favorite doll:
"Torture Me Barbie!"

Heidi Ladenburger
Palatine, IL



Mistress Heidi—Provocative letter, but we
have one question: Are you sure you wanted
this letter to come to us and not the booking
agent for Gerald? In any case, we've taken

the liberty of forwarding your picture to
MAD's own Al Jaffee, who is incorporating it
into his upcoming feature, "Snappy Means to
Stupid Tortures"!—Ed.

MORON MAIL—SPECIAL ILLUSTRATED EDITION



Nick Caruso, Jr. of Staten Island,
NY sent us this drawing of MAD pub-
lisher William Gaines in a tutu. Fa
fal! Bill has never looked lovelier!

A LOAD OF HOT AIR

I have to point out that the balloons
filled with oxygen would not float to the
ceiling as you have pictured in issue #294's
"The MAD 'Don't' Book." As long as my
kids are going to read MAD instead of their
textbooks, you should endeavor to get your
facts straight!

Donald L. Smith
Indianapolis, IN

We've got you there, Donnie! Those weren't
balloons! Next time, get your facts straight!
—Ed.

SUBSCRIPTION LETTER OF THE MONTH

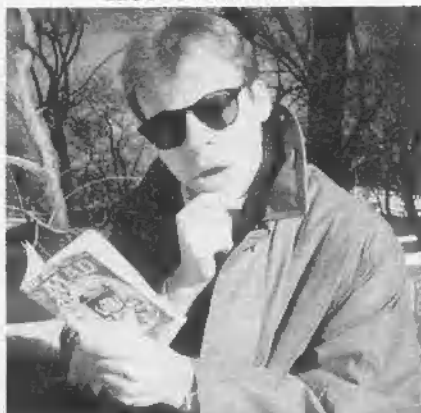
I'm writing to you in anger! In your subscription ad, the 8-issue offer #3 says "You save a measly quarter." That's bogus! You won't save a measly quarter unless you send the subscription form in an envelope without a stamp!

Scott Braden
Barstow, CA

Good point. So you'd better subscribe now before postal rates go up and you wind up losing a nickel on the deal! Of course, you've already spent a quarter sending us your letter, plus the \$1.75 for this issue to read our answer in your letter, and the... Oh, by the way, did you see the picture of Bill Gaines next to your letter? He really looks lovely, doesn't he? We bet you've never seen legs like that in Barstow! Well, got to go answer another letter. Bye!

—Ed.

LESS IS MORANIS



Honey, I Shrunk the Kids star Rick Moranis strains his eyes trying to read our satire "Funny to Shrink the Kids" in a special shrunken edition of MAD #292. Being MAD, of course, the one thing we didn't shrink in the issue was the price!

FLUTNEY—EXPOSED!

Regarding Duck Edwing's reference to the "Flutney Inertia Theory" in "the Long-winded Laboratory Liquidation" (MAD #295), I recall an article you did a long time ago. It was about a sport called 43-Man Squamish, which is played on a five-sided field called a "Flutney." Coincidence or not?

Gary Peterson
Portland, OR

MAD will not tolerate plagiarism from anyone. We've been having trouble with Edwing lately and your letter wasn't the first we've received. Yours proved to be the breaking point, however, and we had no alternative but to let him go. Next issue, look for our all-new one-page features by "Snake" Forges!—Ed.



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OUT-TAPES DEPT.



Hi, I'm **Bob Saggy**, and I currently appear on two hit tv shows! On **one** show people all over America send in **video clips** that show them doing **ridiculous things** that make them look **stupid!** The **other show** is a **sitcom** where the **cast** does ridiculous things and we're **all** made to look stupid! Mad now presents some of **my own home videos**, shot on **location** of my sit-com...

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Let's meet the **cast!** First I'll introduce the **youngest** of my three daughters, **Zitwell!** All she can say is mostly, "Right on, dude!"

Right on, dude!

See?

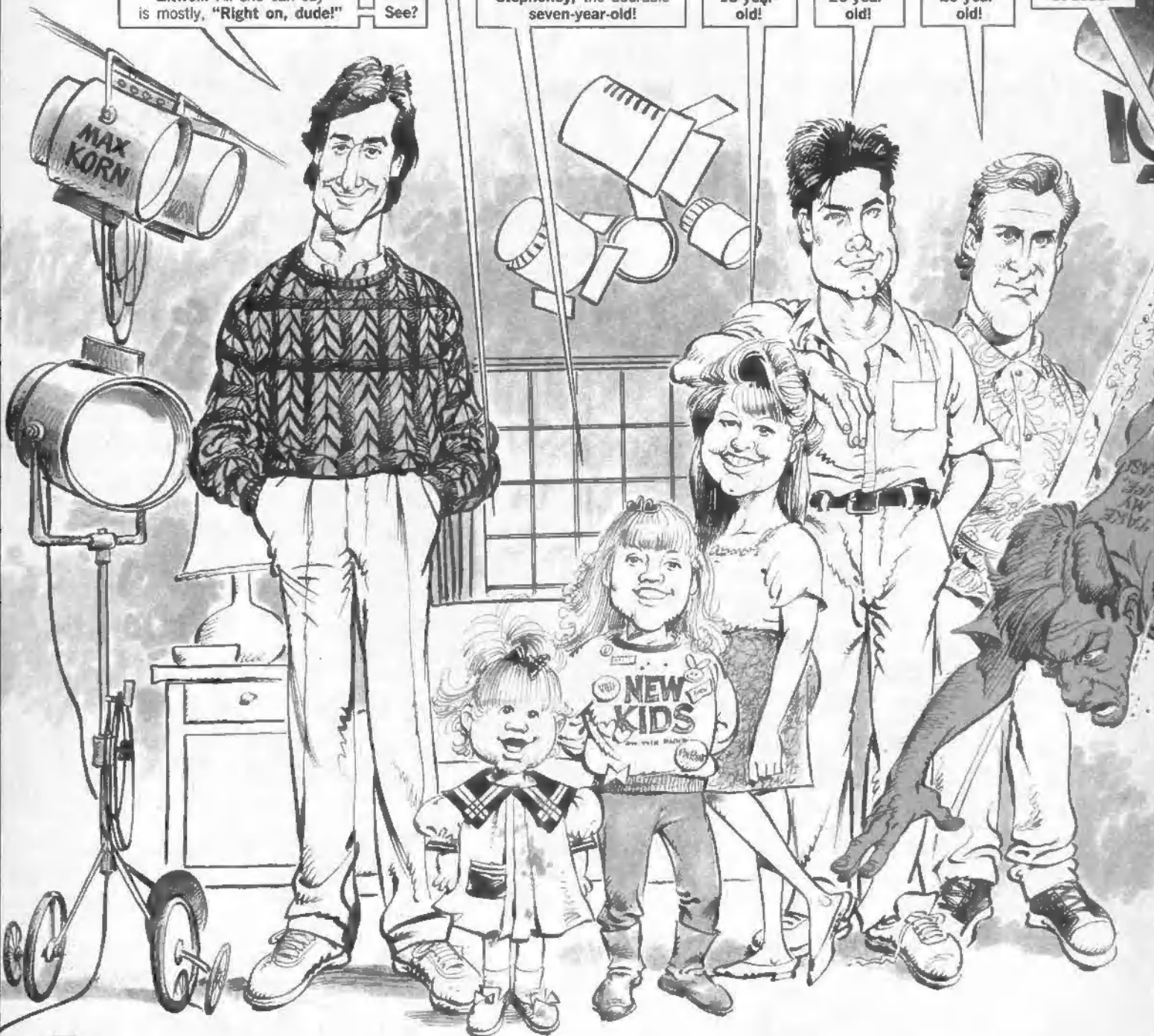
So you won't be **confused**, Zitwell's the adorable **three-year-old!** I'm **Stephoney**, the adorable **seven-year-old!**

I'm **D.O.A.**, the adorable **13-year-old!**

I'm **Pesty**, the adorable **26-year-old!**

I'm **Jokey**, the adorable **25-year-old!**

Oh, no! The **gaffer fell!** He's as good as **dead!**



IIIQ: DRUCKER

ERICA'S PHONIEST HOME VIDEOS SITS FOOL HOUSE

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

He didn't fall, he jumped!
At least one crew person
commits suicide on this
set each week! It's awful!

People don't realize what
too much of this "sickening
sweet fluff" can do to a
human being after a while!



In this
series, I'm
supposed
to be a
stand up
comic!
Now that's
a laugh!

And in
addition,
Jokey also
collaborates
with me
writing
advertising
jingles!

And I have a job as host of a
TV sports show! But you can
forget all that! Those plot
developments rarely come up
in any episode! It was just
a crock of schtick we gave
ABC so they'd buy the series!
They love anything "yuppie"!



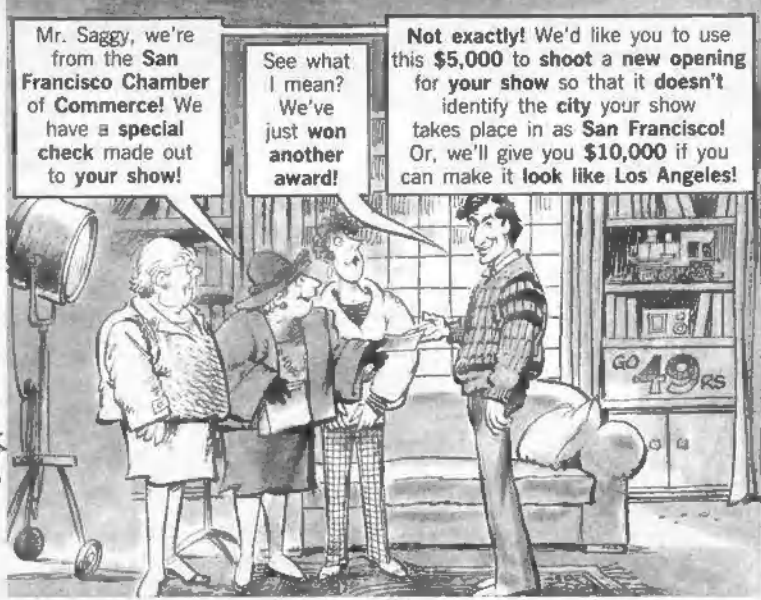
Now that you've met the cast, let's look at some stuff I shot at
a recent script meeting between the cast and writers! Don't
shake your head in disbelief—yes, that stuff is written!

For next week's in-depth
plot, how does this
sound? D.O.A. tries
wearing eye shadow!

Eye shadow?
Much too
contro-
versial!

People could read all
sorts of stuff into
that! I say we keep
it light and fluffy!



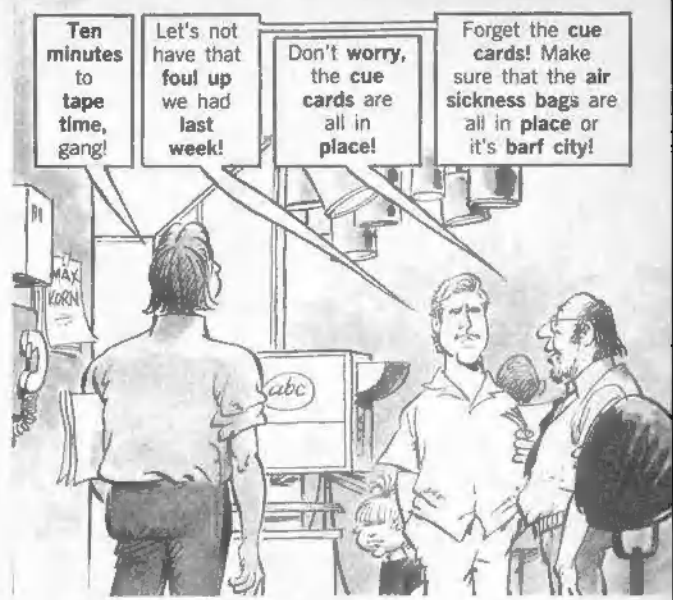


Mr. Saggy, we're from the **San Francisco Chamber of Commerce!** We have a **special check** made out to your show!

See what I mean? We've just won **another award!**

Not exactly! We'd like you to use this **\$5,000** to shoot a **new opening** for your show so that it **doesn't** identify the **city** your show takes place in as **San Francisco!** Or, we'll give you **\$10,000** if you can make it look like **Los Angeles!**

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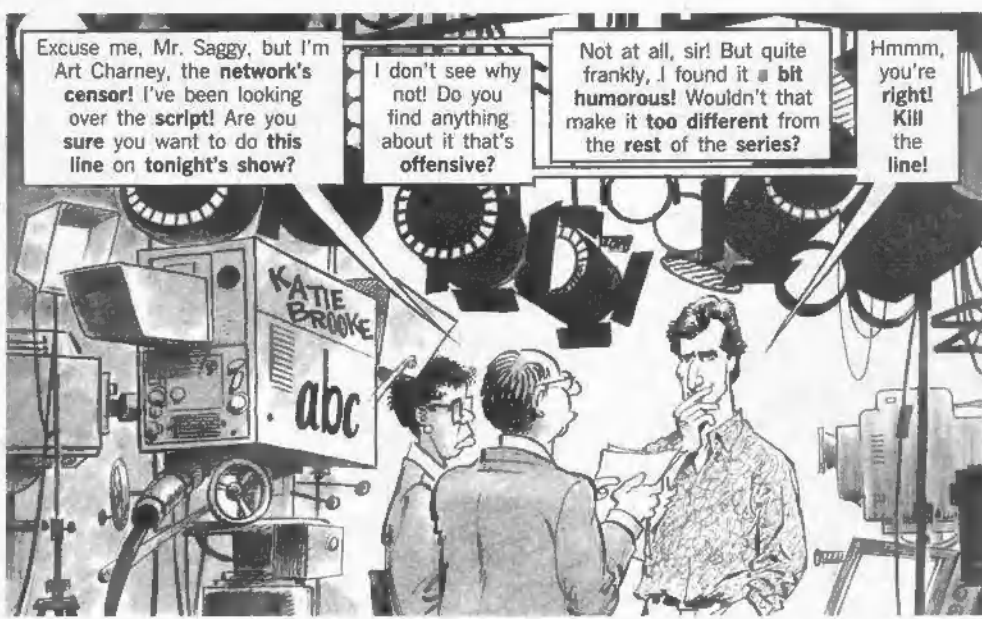


Ten minutes to tape time, gang!

Let's not have that foul up we had last week!

Don't worry, the cue cards are all in place!

Forget the cue cards! Make sure that the air sickness bags are all in place or it's barf city!



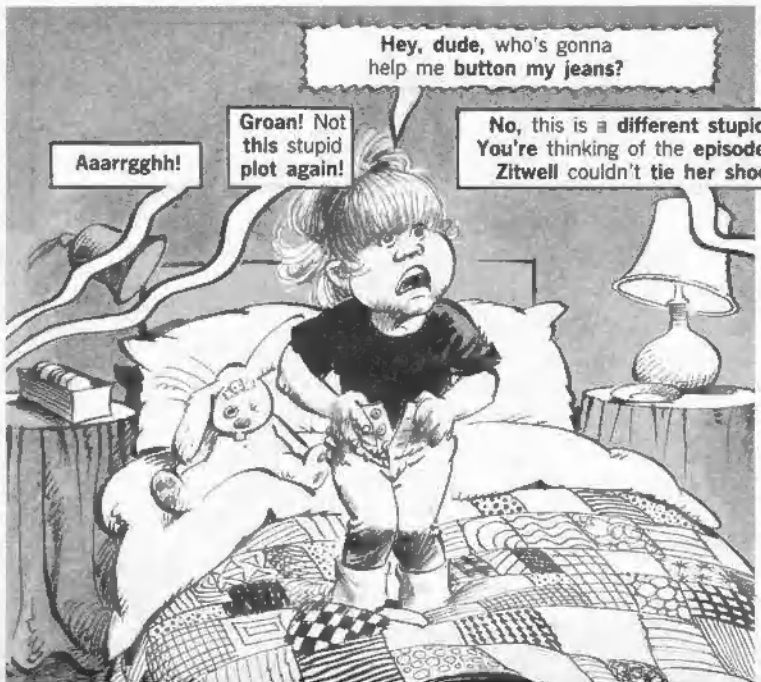
Excuse me, Mr. Saggy, but I'm Art Charney, the **network's censor!** I've been looking over the **script!** Are you **sure** you want to do this line on tonight's show?

I don't see why not! Do you find anything about it that's **offensive?**

Not at all, sir! But quite frankly, I found it a **bit humorous!** Wouldn't that make it **too different** from the rest of the series?

Hmmm, you're right! **Kill the line!**

Well, I saved the worst for last! A few **actual scenes** from the **program!** First, let's see how they played when we **video taped** them...



Aaarrgghh!

Groan! Not this stupid plot again!

Hey, dude, who's gonna help me **button my jeans?**

No, this is a **different stupid plot!** You're thinking of the episode where **Zitwell** couldn't tie her shoes...

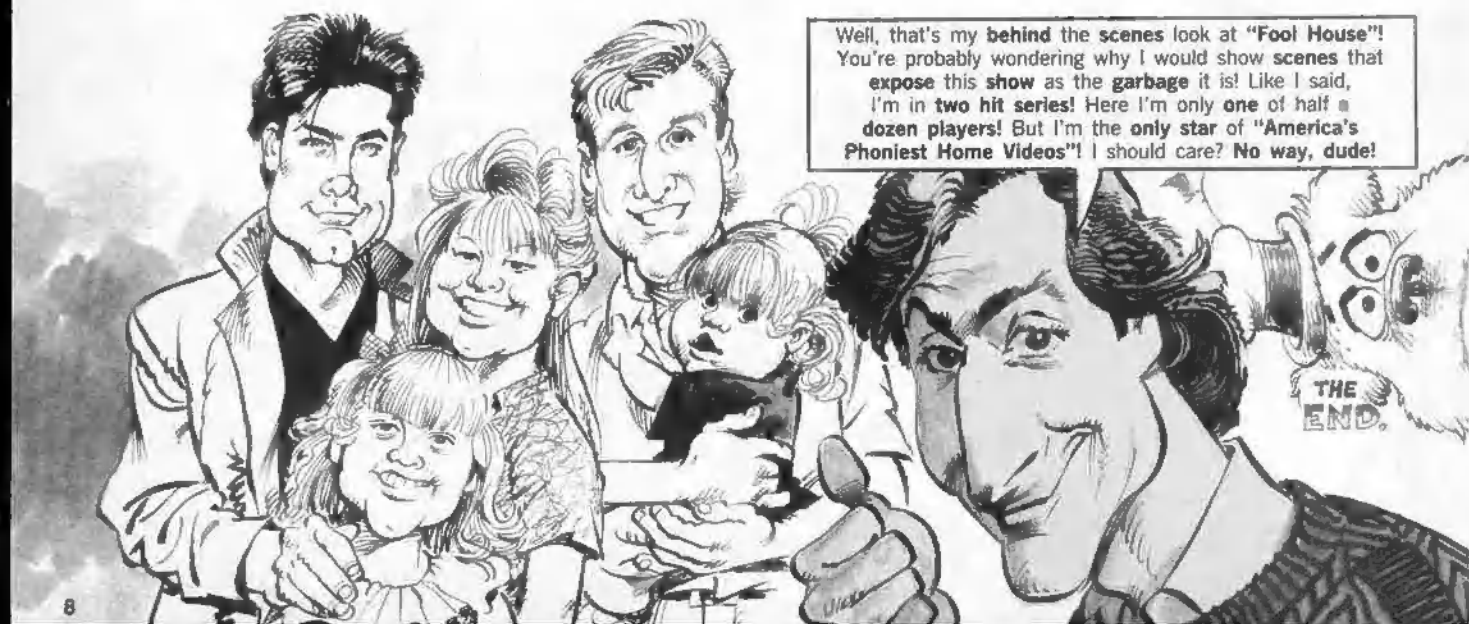


Are you having trouble, honey?

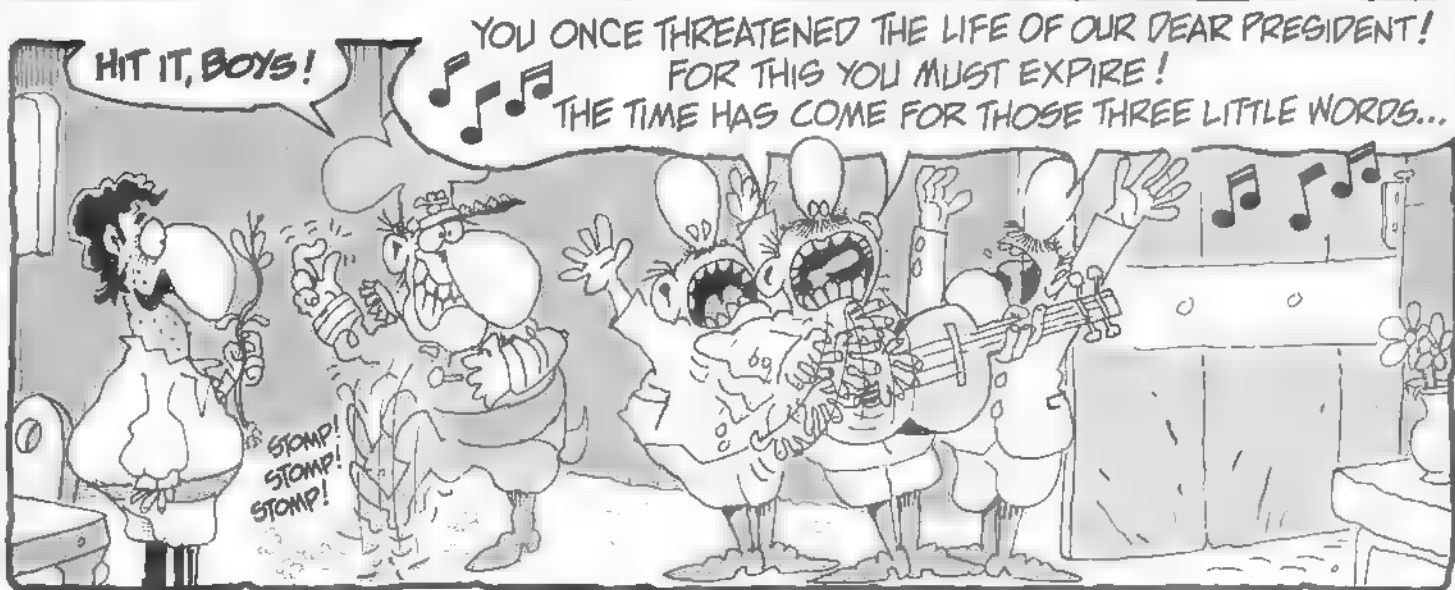
Right on, dude!

Or maybe the episode where she **couldn't** snap her hood...

Oh, yes! Of course! How stupid of me!

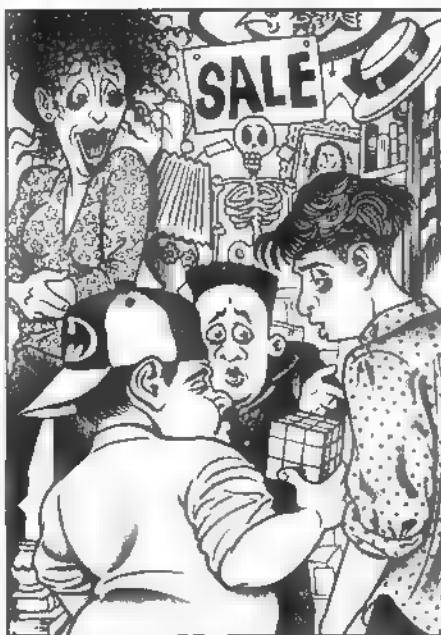


THE LYRICAL LATIN LALAPALOOZA





The guy from your class who used to be a flaming liberal calls and says he's now selling tax-free municipal bonds.



You offer your old Rubik's Cube at a garage sale, and the neighbor kids don't know what it is.



Your childhood baseball idol gets elected to the Hall of Fame.

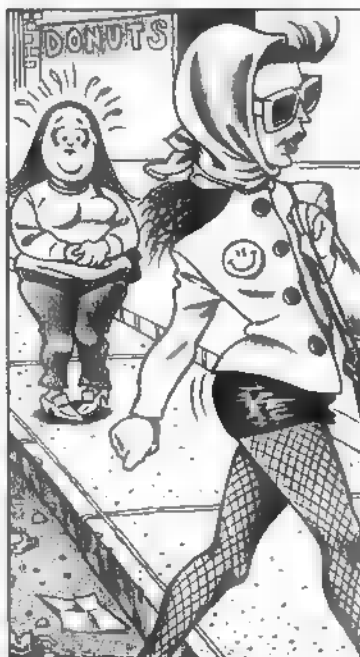


GROWING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE DEPT.

12 SURE SIGNS THAT YOU'VE



You read in the paper that Jane Fonda has a daughter who is only about five years younger than you assumed Jane Fonda to be.



You can recall when this season's new fashions were popular the first time.



Your friends stop regarding you as macho when you drink a lot, and start regarding you as a slobbering idiot.



The cop who pulls you over is a guy you went to grade school with.



You realize that 50,000,000 Americans are too young to recall a time when we had a President who wasn't a Republican.



Telephone solicitors give you their sales pitch instead of asking to talk to your mother.

REACHED ADULTHOOD

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: TOM KOCH



The rock group you worshipped as a kid is now heard only as Muzak in medical building elevators.



You begin looking for tell-tale signs that you've inherited your father's baldness.



Your mother stops complaining that you're too young to go steady, and starts complaining that you still haven't made a commitment to anyone. 11



IT'S A NO DARWIN SITUATION DEPT.

Darwin's theory of evolution holds that human beings, with the exception of a few Republicans, progressed from monkeys and are forever moving forward in a constant state of change. But we

A MAD GUIDE TO

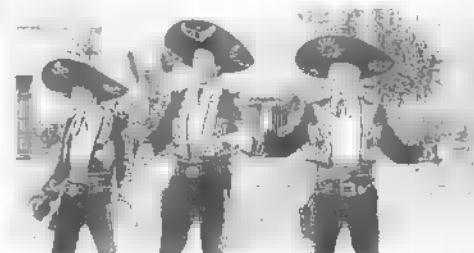
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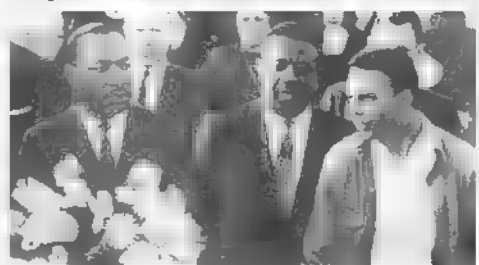


The Three Stooges



The Three Amigos

TOP NATIONAL ISSUE



Civil Rights



Watergate



Flag Burning

TV DOCTOR



James Kildare



Hawkeye Pierce



Doogie Howser

ARCHITECTURE



The Pyramids



The Great Wall of China



Trump Tower

at MAD challenge this naive assumption! The truth is that society is rapidly deteriorating and things are getting progressively worse! You'll know just what we mean when you take a look at...



DEVOLUTION

WRITER: HY BENDER

DOG ROLE MODEL



Lassie

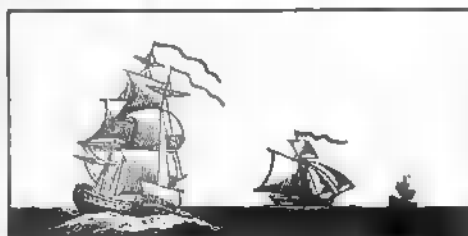


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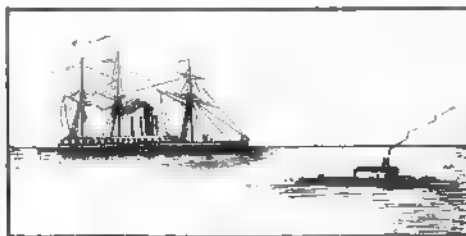


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FAMOUS SHIPS



The Nina, the Pinta,
and the Santa Maria



The Monitor
and the Merrimack



The Exxon Valdez

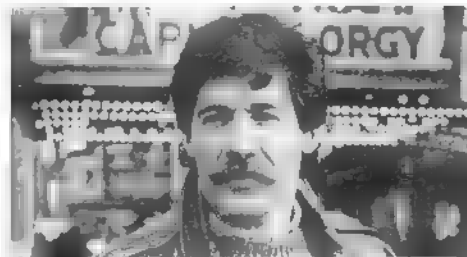
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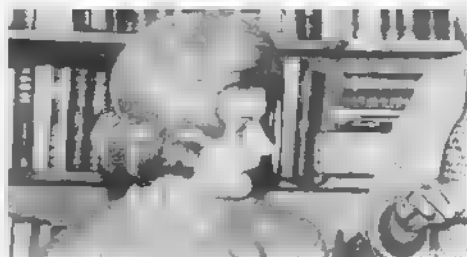


Dan Rather



Geraldo Rivera

NURTURING TV MOM



June Cleaver



Maude Findlay



Roseanne Conner



SMOKE GETS IN THEIR LIES DEPT.

It seems to us that lots of magazines are just like other magazines! For instance, *Newsweek* is a lot like *Time*, *Redbook* is a lot like *Good Housekeeping*, *Golf Digest* is a lot like *MAD*! One magazine, however, is unlike any other. It's published by a tobacco company and is full of veiled and open criticism of non-smokers and anti-smoking legislation. It portrays smokers as active, influential and healthy people who are in no way addicted to nicotine. Yes, it's a mouthpiece for the tobacco lobby, masquerading as a "lifestyle" publication! We call it...

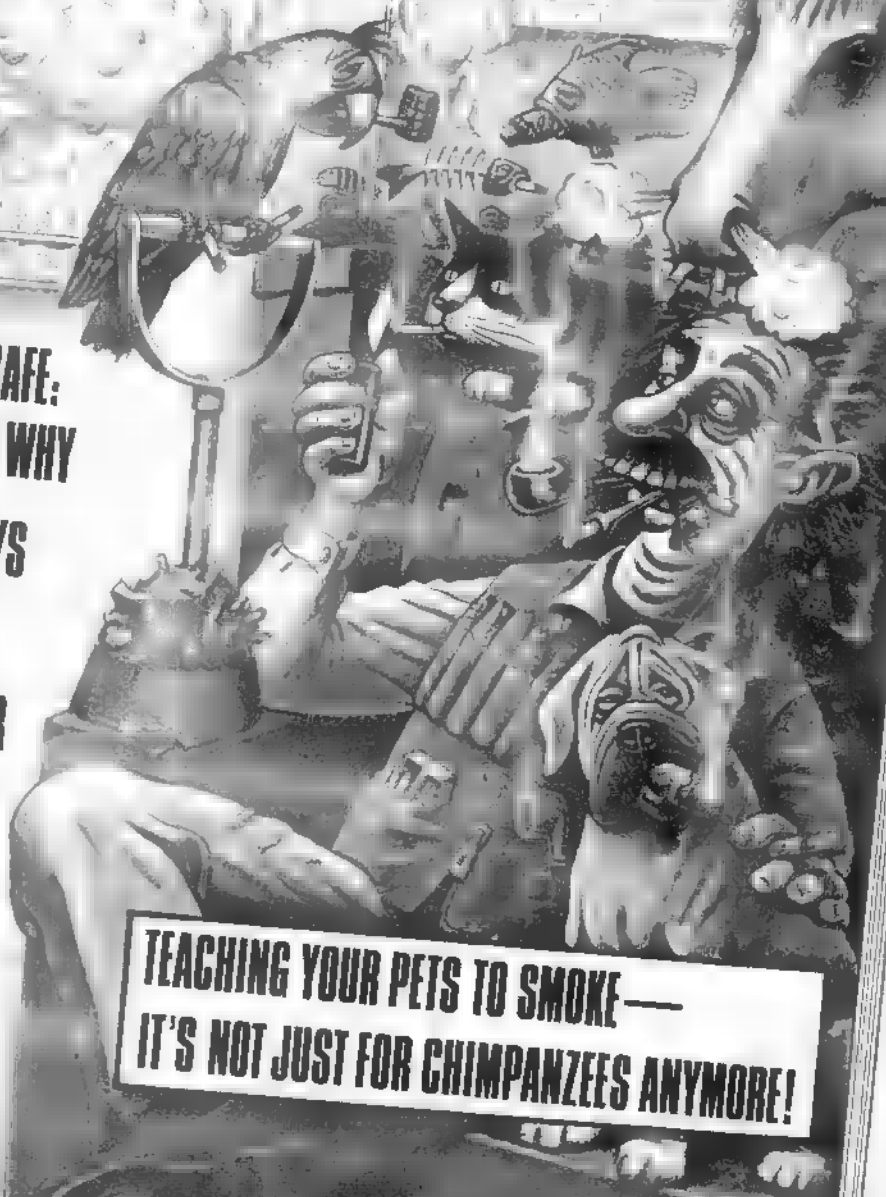


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IT'S NOT JUST FOR CHIMPANZEES ANYMORE!**

ARTIST: TOM BUNK

WRITERS:

CHARLIE KADAU AND JOE RAIOLA



LIGHTING UP

NEWS STORIES FROM AROUND THE NATION

Hospital Wises Up

Hooray to the administrators at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in Pickatown, Indiana, for lifting the ban on smoking in all of their operating rooms! Head Surgeon Dr. Grady Pounder says, "It's a lot easier to perform delicate eye surgery now, knowing that I won't have to rush through it so I can go outside for a smoke. Now I'm free to light up even before the patient's anesthesia takes effect."



News Show Goofs

Here's another example of how the media distorts the smoking issue and gives smokers negative press that is unwarranted. In April, station WTTV, Little Rock, erroneously reported on its 6 PM newscast that it was a *smoker* who savagely slaughtered eight people while suffering from a severe nicotine fit. Investigations later revealed that the perpetrator was in fact *not* a smoker. ■ was a tobacco *chewer* who committed the horrific and senseless crime. WTTV has yet to apologize for the error.



Special Day for Kids' Friend

Happy anniversary to Hank Smib, who portrays Puffy, the Smoking Clown. For the past 15 years, Puffy has entertained kids from coast to coast as he and his puppet friends "Regular" and "Menthol" entertain at schools and children's hospitals showing boys and girls how easy it is to smoke. Good work, Puffy!



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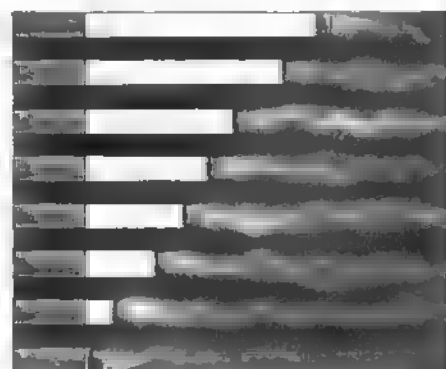
In each issue of CHOKÉ we ask a question of particular interest to smokers and invite our many readers to send in their responses.

This Month's Question:

"What is the largest and/or most valuable object(s) you ever accidentally set on fire while smoking?"

In our last issue we asked, "How do you spend most of your free time?" This graph shows how our readers responded:

Awaiting biopsy results	23%
Attending other smoker's funerals	21%
Attempting to remove yellow stains from teeth	16%
Annoying non-smokers	9%
Relaxing in an iron lung	5%
Spitting up phlegm	3%
Arguing with stewardesses	3%
Learning to talk through hole in neck	2%



SMOKE SIGNALS

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Congratulations on your fine magazine. I come from a large family that's been smoking for six generations. Every single one of my relatives is proud to be a regular and dedicated user of cigarettes, cigars or pipes. Last week we had a big family reunion which was attended by all four surviving members of our clan. My two-year-old niece was there and we'll be teaching her to smoke as soon as she's able to work the lighter without setting herself in flames.

Hal Stenchy
Pembroke, IA

I'm a 55-year-old woman who's been smoking since age 12. To say I'm outraged by the newly passed smoking laws in my community would be an understatement! Because of my addiction to nicotine, I choose to smoke incessantly and cannot go five minutes without lighting up. Therefore, I can no longer go to indoor sporting events or use any public ground transportation. I can't go to movie theatres, libraries, banks, churches, stores, supermarkets or restaurants, nor can I fly with any airline. I've been trapped in my house since February of last year! Please help me!

Eleanor Butz
Oak Ridge, NJ

Eleanor—We're glad your letter didn't suggest anything as rash or crazy as quilting. Luckily, with cable TV and local delivery services, it's no longer necessary for an intelligent person such as yourself to ever leave home. We suggest the next time you feel the urge to go out into the cool fresh air—have a smoke!—Ed.

I commend the editors of your magazine for their fair and unbiased reporting of the smokers vs. non-smokers controversy. You consistently present both sides of the issue in an evenhanded manner. I smoke myself and believe that smokers and non-smokers can coexist peacefully. That's why I just purchased a cheap handgun. If someone asks me not to smoke, I threaten them with it. They usually back off right away, but if they continue to goad me, I kill them.

It's always great to see your magazine in my mailbox! Thanks for the article about the hopelessly ill 90-year-old man who continues to smoke no matter what.

Reverend J. Hackard
Pensacola, FL

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SMOKER'S MARKETPLACE

NEW PRODUCTS • SPECIAL INTEREST TO NICOTINE ENTHUSIASTS

Ted's Tobacco Drink

From Ted's of North Carolina, maker of Ted's Tobacco-Scented Underarm Deodorant and Shampoo, comes Ted's Tobacco Drink. Each 8 oz. serving contains all the tar and nicotine of a full carton of Marlboros. "It's tobacco you can drink," says Ted, "with real bits of used filters and spittle mixed right in. Mmmmm! If you're someplace where you can't light up, drink up!" The easy-pour bottle makes it great for picnics and hiking. (Retail \$8.95 per gallon. Dealer inquiries welcome.) **Ted's of North Carolina, P.O. Box 85, Swamp, MA.**



The Bottomless Ashtray™



After years of research, PuffCo has introduced The Bottomless Ashtray™. Now you'll no longer have to waste valuable smoking time emptying pesky conventional ashtrays. Each Bottomless Ashtray™ can hold up to two years worth of the ashes, butts and matches of even the most severely addicted chain smoker. And of course, a pile of smoking waste that large will fill your entire home with the lingering, unmistakable aroma of old tobacco, gently reminding you that it's time to light up another one. (Retail \$29.95.) **PuffCo, 82-67 Debris Ave., Fume, OK.**

reBUTTals

In each issue of CHOKE we present some clever, thoughtful and witty comebacks you can use when a crass, insensitive bully tries to infringe on your Constitutional right to smoke wherever and whenever you want. Remember these lines, use them and have fun!

SITUATION: On a Supermarket Checkout Line

MILITANT NON-SMOKER: Please sir, stop smoking. My child has asthma.

CLEVER RESPONSE: Oh yeah? If your kid doesn't like smoke, why doesn't he stop coughing and tell me himself?

SITUATION: In a Restaurant

RUDE ANTI-SMOKING ACTIVIST: Ma'am, I wish you wouldn't put your cigarette out in my salad. I'm not finished with it.

CLEVER RESPONSE: Say one more word to me and I'll throw scalding coffee in your face!

SITUATION: At a Gas Station

DUMB OBNOXIOUS CRETIN: Excuse me, it's very dangerous to smoke while you're pumping gas. Maybe you should put it out.

CLEVER RESPONSE: Fascist idiots like you make me sick. Maybe you'd prefer it if I vomit on your pants!

CHOKE PHOTO SPOTLIGHT

THE FIRST ANNUAL RJ 100

New York City was the setting last June 12th for the first ever RJ 100, the smokers-only marathon. The 100 block (five mile) race was the brainchild of RJ Tobacco Chairman Harold Wankstatter, who was tired of hearing that smokers don't have the endurance or stamina to be top athletes. To prove the critics wrong, Wankstatter insisted: 1) that all entrants in the race had to be full-time smokers for at least 10 years, and 2) that they smoke cigarettes, cigars or pipes throughout the race. As these photos show, the event was a real smoker!



A determined and enthusiastic field of runners awaits the starter's gun at the beginning of the first annual RJ 100. They were grateful for the weather conditions that day, which were rumored to be clear and sunny outside the thick, dark cloud of pungent tobacco smoke surrounding them.



A race on the scale of the RJ 100 would not be possible without the help of many dedicated volunteers. Here, at one of the numerous Lighter Stations along the course, "Smoker's Helpers" assist the runners in lighting up while they're on the go go GO!



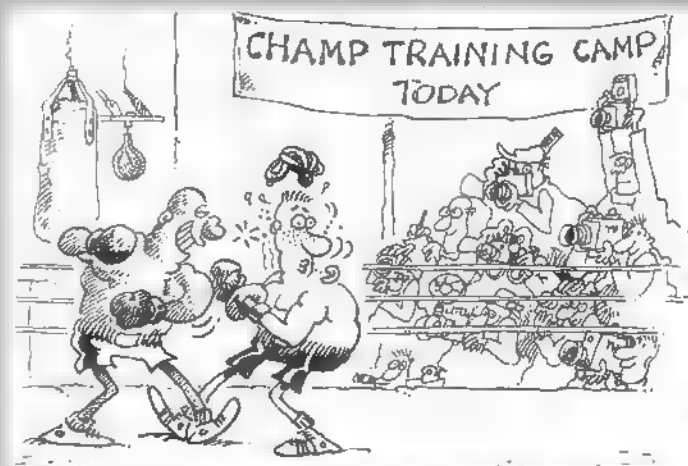
RJ Tobacco Chairman Harold Wankstatter proudly presents the winner's trophy to first place finisher Clyde Bosco. Clyde became the first runner to cross the finish line when the ambulance rushing him to St. Luke's Intensive Care Ward veered onto the course and broke the tape. Clyde was in the ambulance because he had collapsed less than 500 feet into the race. Congratulations, Clyde, from everyone at CHOKE!

Complete Results of RJ 100 Smoker's Marathon

NAME	HOURS/MINUTES/SECONDS/10ths
Clyde Bosco.....	1:04:32:8
Fred Tunic	Unable to complete race: <i>Chest pains</i>
Betty Huffo	Unable to complete race: <i>Asthma attack</i>
Hank Scrawny	Unable to complete race: <i>Collapsed lung</i>
Wilson Pitts.....	Unable to complete race: <i>Accidentally swallowed pipe</i>
Janet Scuzzman.....	Unable to complete race: <i>Became dizzy</i>
Hans Brickface.....	Unable to complete race: <i>Couldn't stop coughing</i>
Hank Scrawny, Jr.....	Unable to complete race: <i>The shakes</i>
Mildred Thickening.....	Unable to complete race: <i>Fainted</i>
Red Nasalhair	Unable to complete race: <i>Trampled while catching breath</i>
Ted "Butch" Warper	Unable to complete race: <i>Blood vessel exploded</i>
Phil Tertips	Unable to complete race: <i>Blacked out</i>
Fung Lee Goo	Unable to complete race: <i>Became disoriented; fell in river</i>
Wendy Pork	Unable to complete race: <i>Ashes flew into eye</i>
Clive Squashy	Unable to complete race: <i>Slipped on carton of Viceroy's</i>
Tucker Fester.....	Unable to complete race: <i>Had Chemotherapy appointment</i>

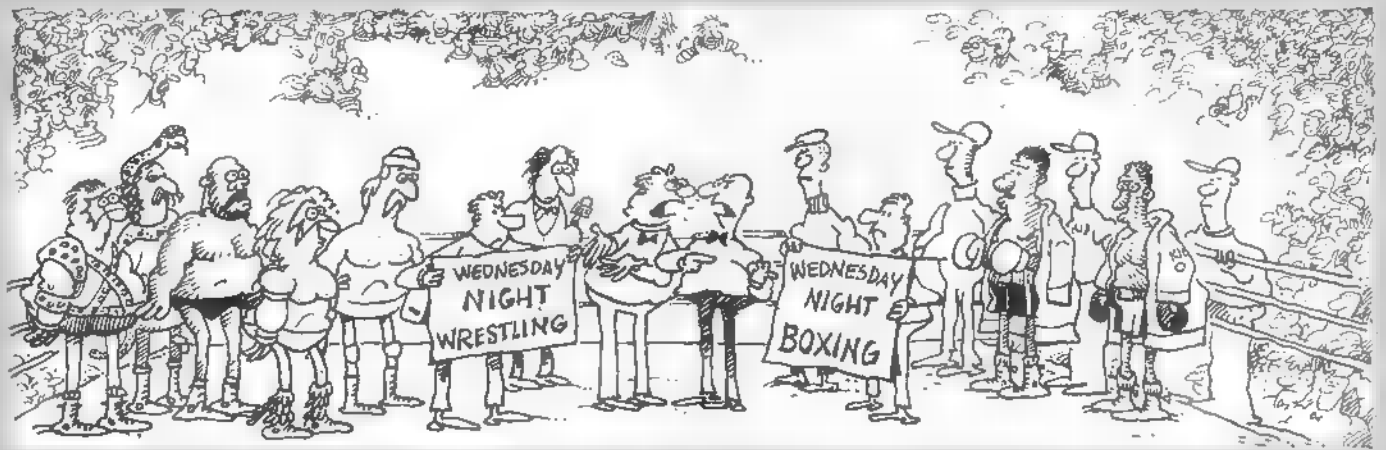
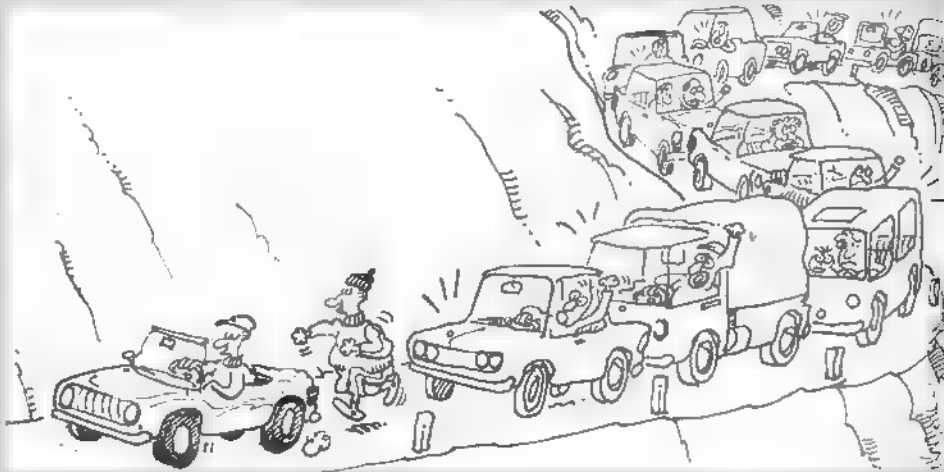
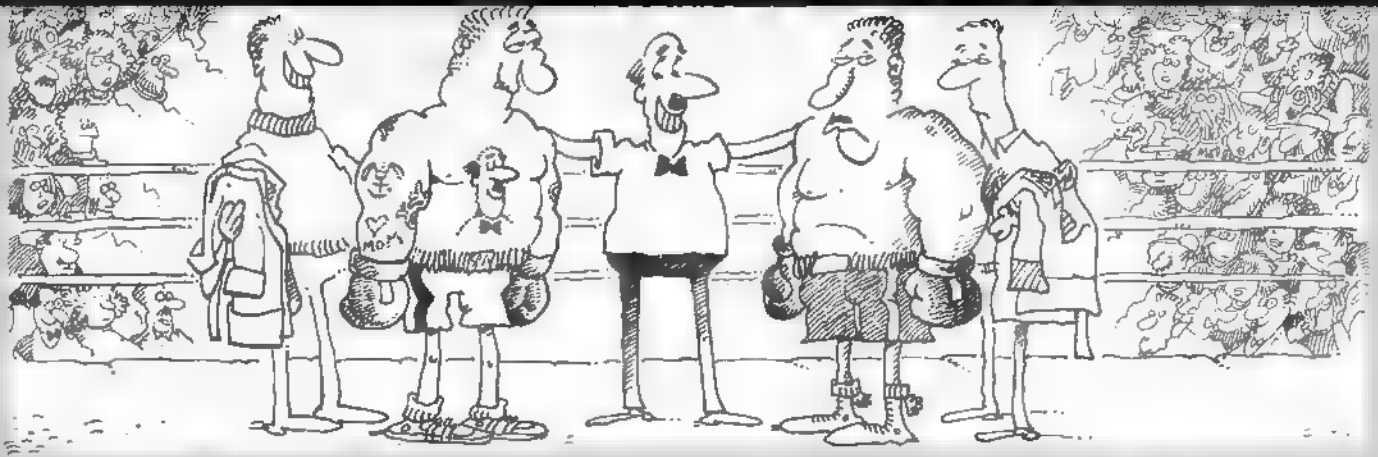
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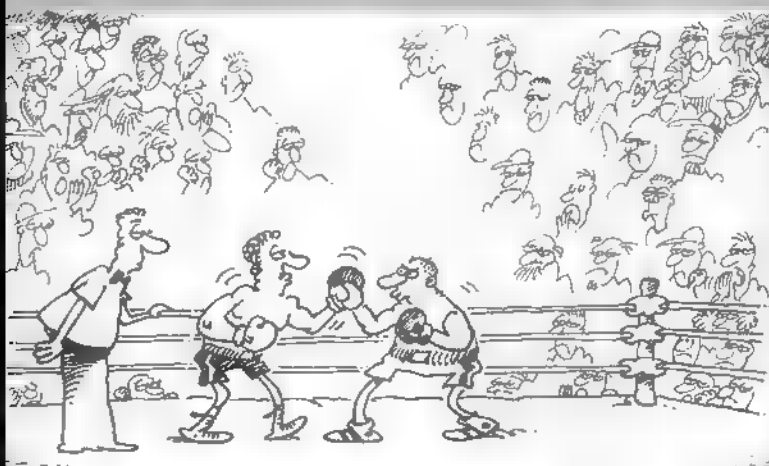
A MAD LOOK AT BOXING



ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES







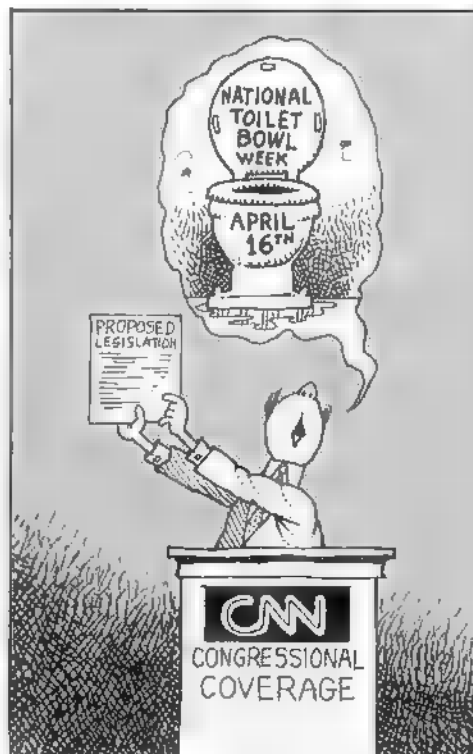
ALPHABET POOP DEPT.

It's a well-known fact that big businesses spend millions of dollars every year trying to create just the right image for themselves. But of course, these images are completely mis-

WHAT CORPORATE INITI



Mindless Trashy Videos



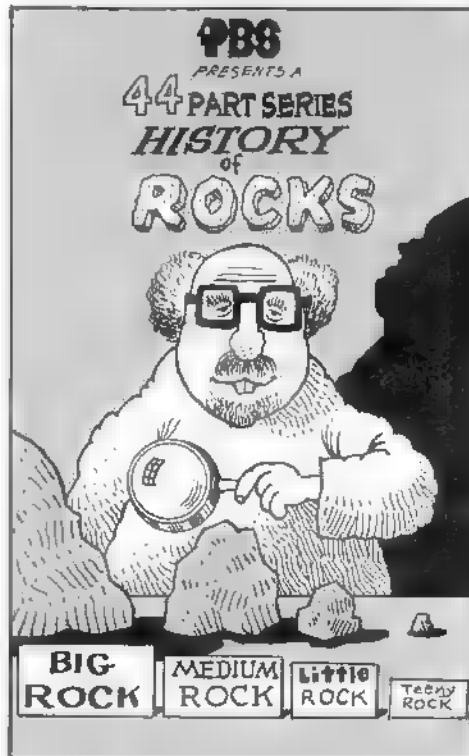
Covering Needless News



Over Pricing Every Can

HBO	
THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE	
WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
9AM Jaktar	9AM Funny Farm
12PM Feds	12PM Club Paradise
3PM Casual Sex?	3PMaddyshock II
6PM Heaven's Gate	6PM Police Academy IV
8PM Sunset	8PM Spacecamp
12AM Let's Get Harry	12AM Ironweed
3AM The Whoopee Boys	3AM Clean & Sober
6AM Who's Harry Crumb?	6AM Basteries Not Included
WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR
9AM Seinfeld	9AM Up the Academy
12PM Hot to Trot	12PM The Fly II
3PM Burglar	3PM Earth Girls Are Easy
6PM The Telephone	6PM Leonard Part II
9PM Clue	9PM And God Created Woman
12AM Arthur II	12AM 11th Heavenly Dog
3AM Skin Deep	3AM F.I.S.T.
6AM Slaves of New York	6AM Mannequin

Hundreds of Bad Offerings



Pretty Boring Stuff



World's Wealthiest Fakers

leading! We've found, however, that no matter how phony their "image" is, a corporation's initials will *always* reveal the true nature of the organization they stand for! Here's...



ALS REALLY STAND FOR

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

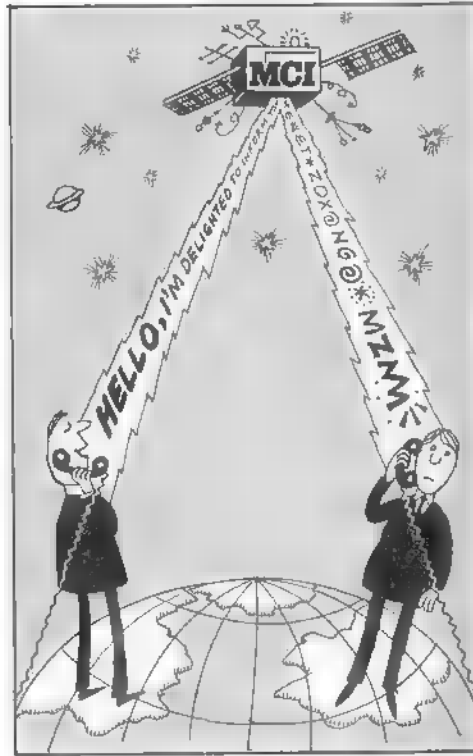
WRITER: MICHAEL GOODWIN



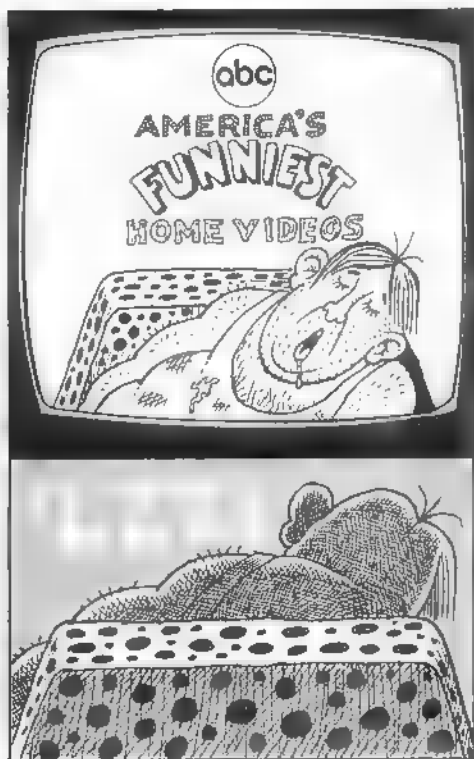
Countless Bad Shows



Needs Bill Cosby



Making Communications Inaudible



A Bland Channel



Preachers Taking Loot



Making Americans Dumber

THE OIL

(with a crude apology to Edgar Allan Poe)

See the derricks pumping oil—
Foreign oil!

Gobs of gallons gushing from beneath the desert soil!
Huge monopolies are drilling,
Which for them is mighty nice,
When their pockets they are filling
And it's they who make the killing
And it's we who pay the price!
Hear them gloat, gloat, gloat
'Cause they've got us by the throat,
And each dollar, yen and kopeck
Feeds the greedy bunch at OPEC
For the oil, oil, oil, oil,
Oil, oil, oil—

For the money-grubbing moguls with the oil:

See the pipeline full of oil—
U.S. oil!

Built to last a lifetime after years of sweat and toil!
Many millions we were spending,
And although the cost was great,
Soon our problems would be ending
'Cause we wouldn't be depending
On the Saudis or Kuwait!
See it last, last, last—
Oops! I guess we spoke too fast!
Leaks are springing up all through it;
Seems the builders kind of blew it
With the oil, oil, oil, oil,
Oil, oil, oil—

Just another major screw-up with the oil!



See the tanker dumping oil—

Exxon oil!

Blackening our shores and bringing tempers to a boil!

Hear the company suppressing

How their hulls are made of mush:

"Yes, the spill is most distressing,

"But we had no way of guessing

"That the captain was a lush!"

Hear them claim, claim, claim

That they're really not to blame!

After all, they're only human;

Best to pin it on some crewman

For the oil, oil, oil, oil,

Oil, oil, oil—

For the leaking and the reeking of the oil!

See the seagulls drenched with oil—

Deadly oil!

Grounded on the beaches that men ravage and despoil!

Smell the fishes putrefying;

Count the corpses of the seals;

See the scores of eagles dying,

Giving up all dreams of flying

As the greasy goo congeals!

Leaders swear, swear, swear

That they really, truly care!

Words to banish ev'ry sorrow

Till that bigger spill tomorrow

When another giant tanker

Winds up punctured by its anchor,

With our shores obliterated

And the planet decimated

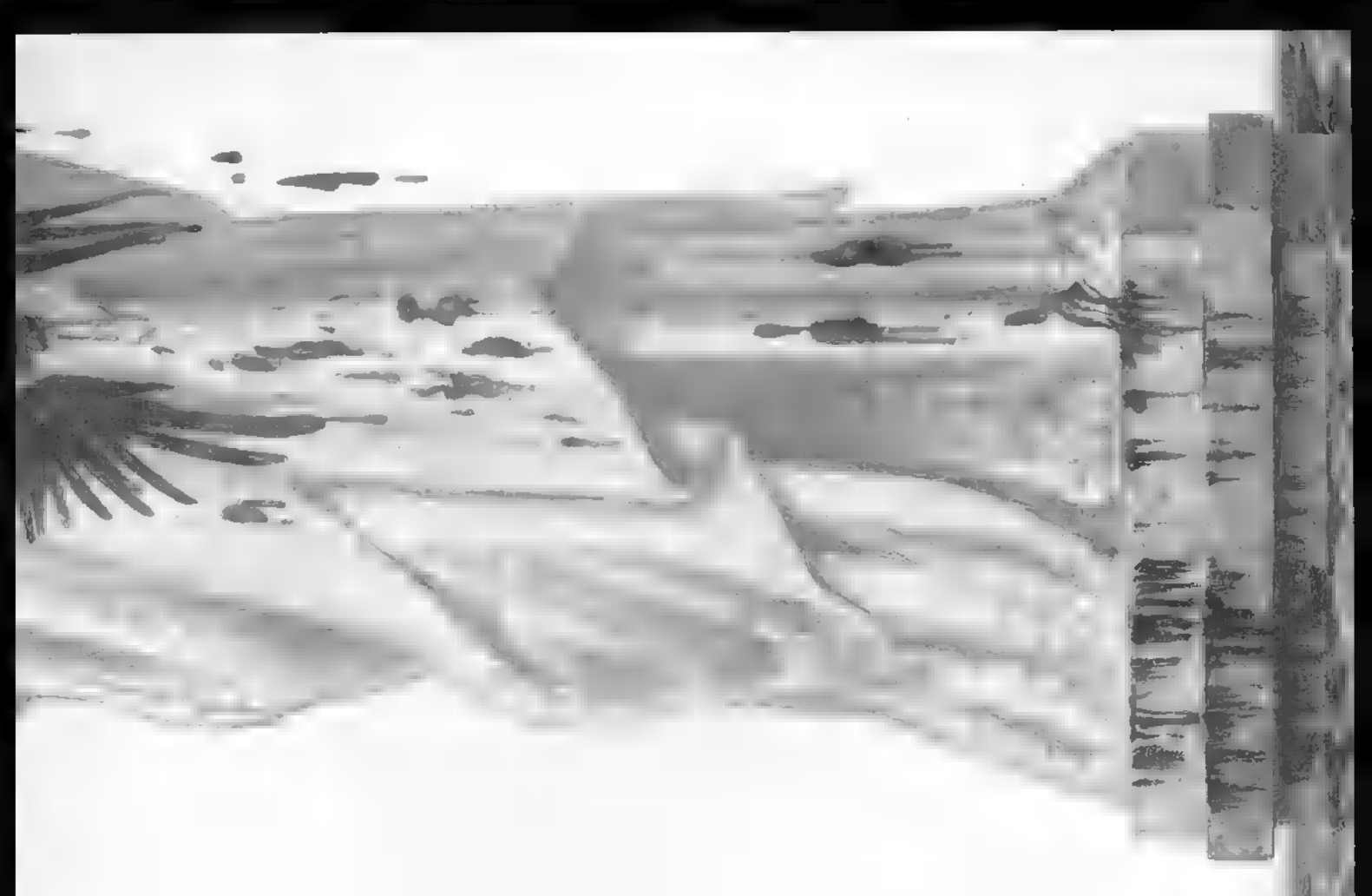
By the oil, oil, oil, oil,

Oil, oil, oil—

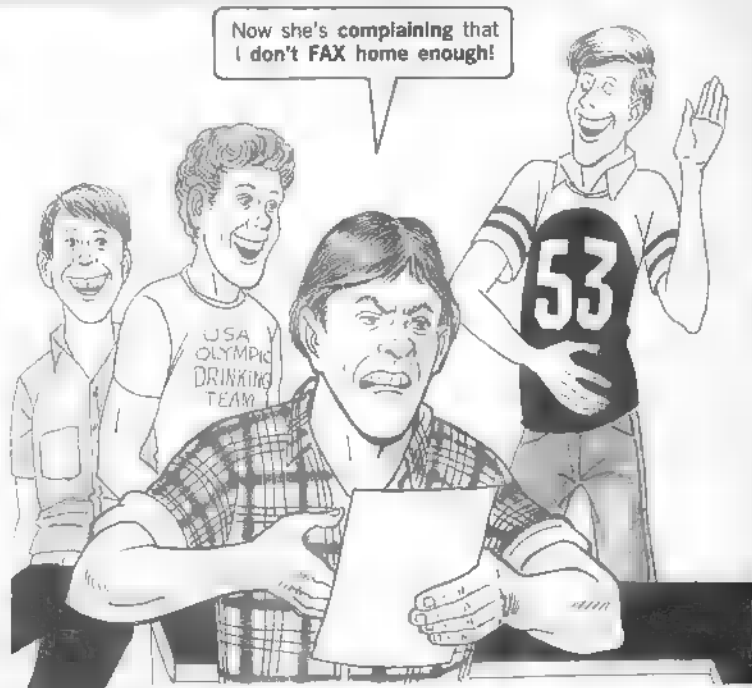
By the deadly devastation of the oil!

ARTIST: JOHN POUND

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS



COMMUNICATION



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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MODERN MARRIAGE



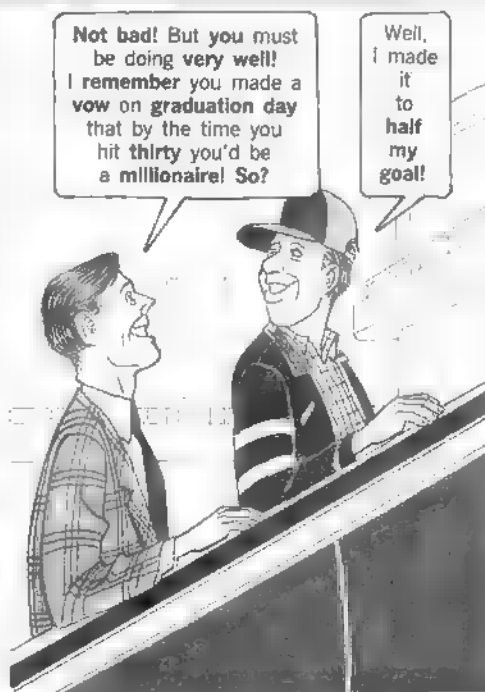
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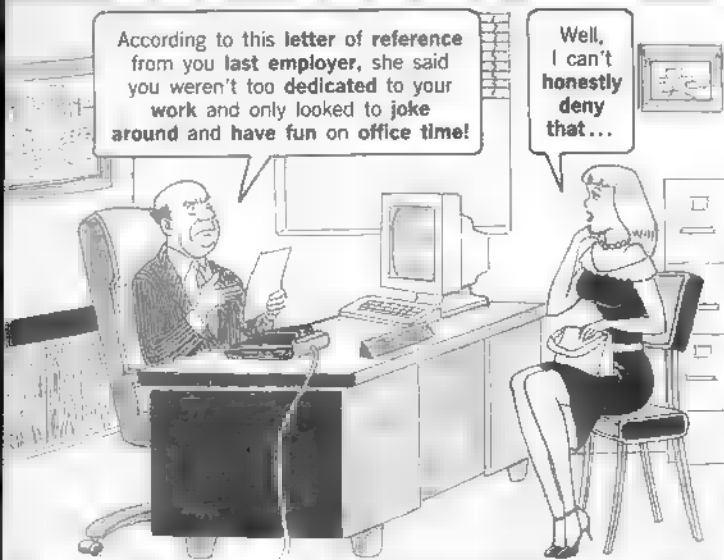
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ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVE BERG

GOALS



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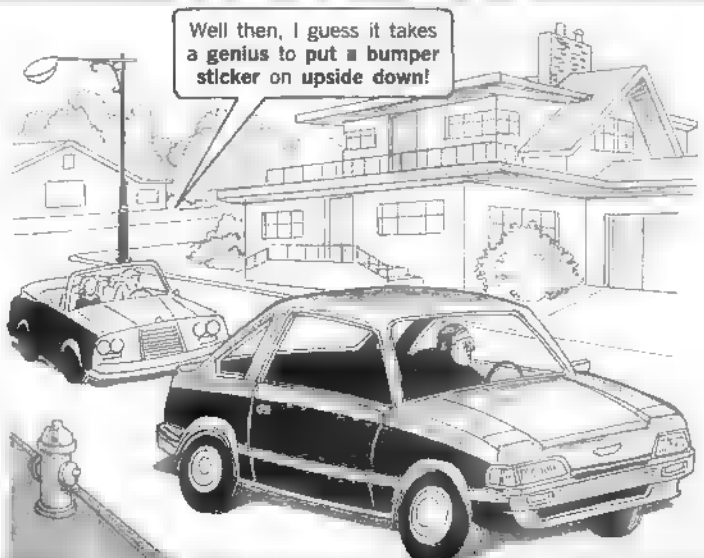
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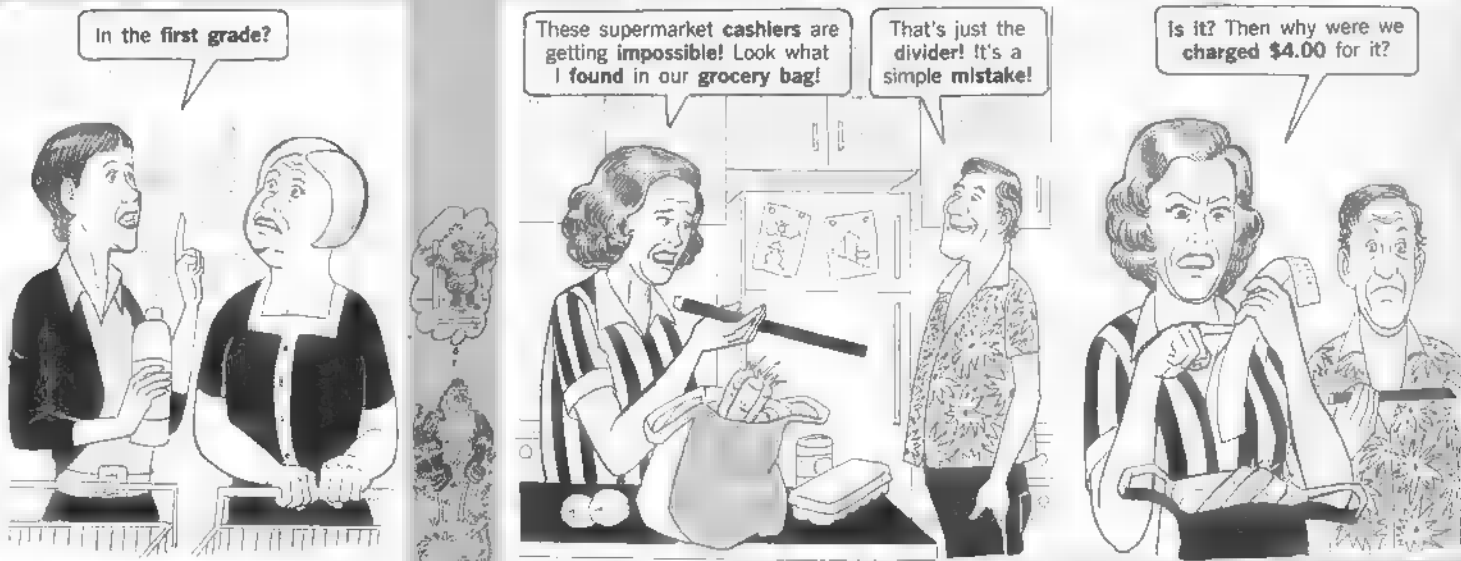
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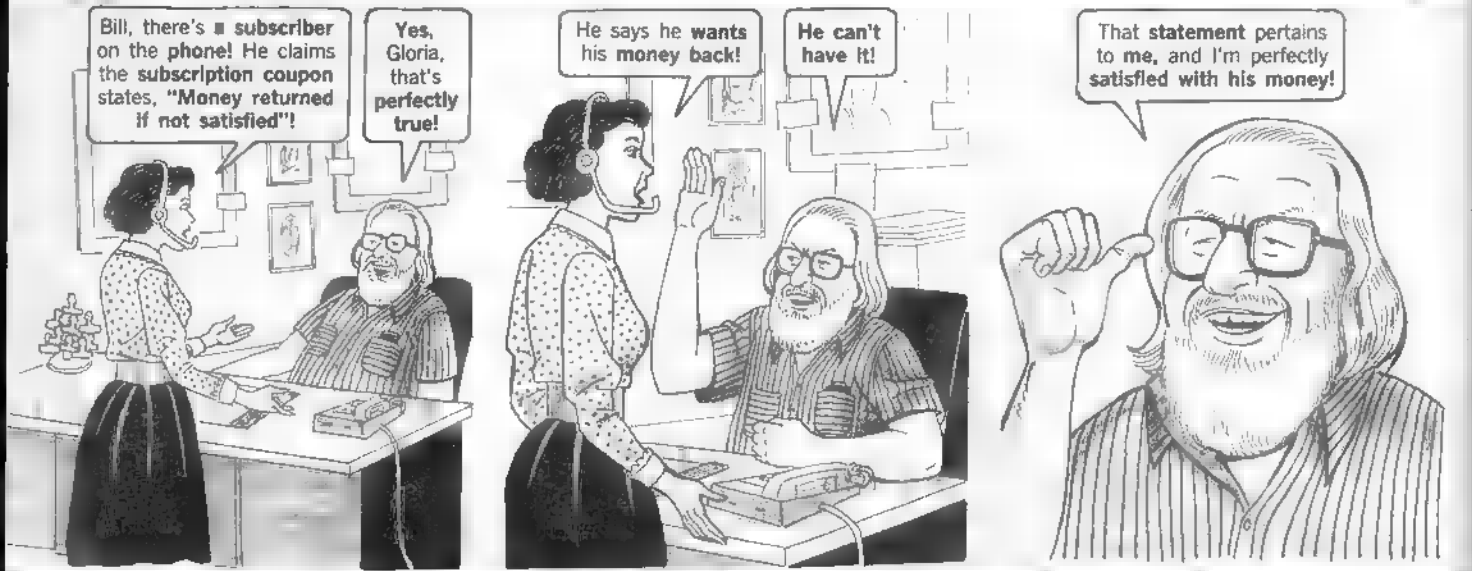
SHOPPING



TOYS



THE OFFICE



MODERN FINANCE



DOCTORS



This Kickoff is
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ENDORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR DEPT.

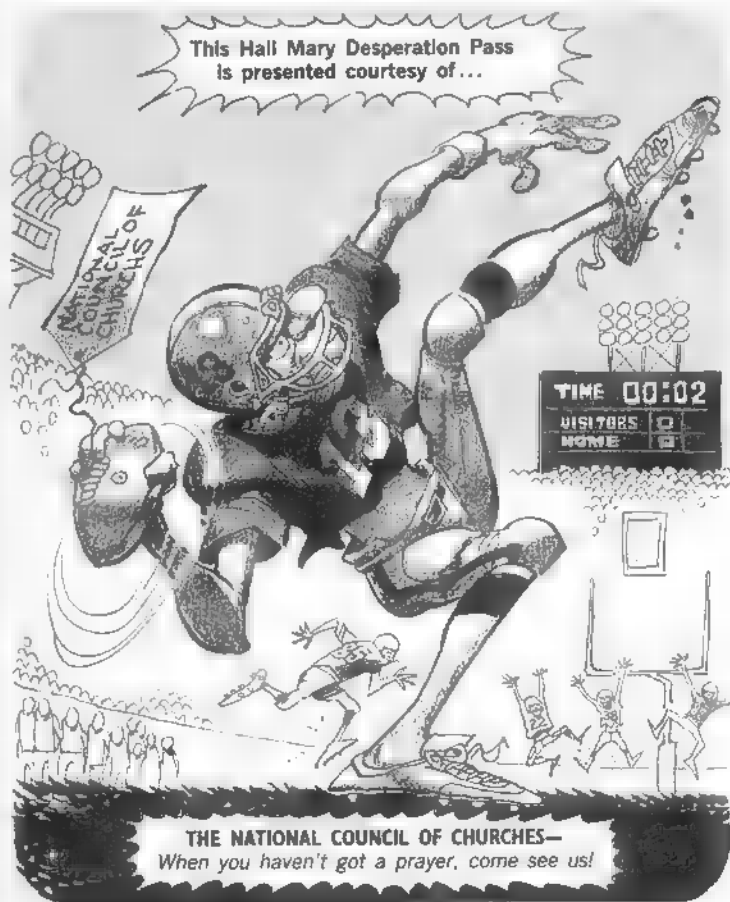
This nauseating travesty is no doubt familiar to anyone who watches sports on TV: Convinced that 90 minutes of commercials in a 3-hour sportscast isn't enough, networks and advertisers are now "encroaching" on the games themselves! So far, these annoying mini-ads have been limited to kickoffs, home runs and the like, but you can bet your Miller-Lite Beer mug that there will come a day pretty soon...

WHEN TV SPORTS ADVERTISERS decide to "SPONSOR" MORE than just KICKOFFS & HOME RUNS

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

This Hall Mary Desperation Pass
is presented courtesy of...



This Crotch Grab is a
CRUEX Moment!



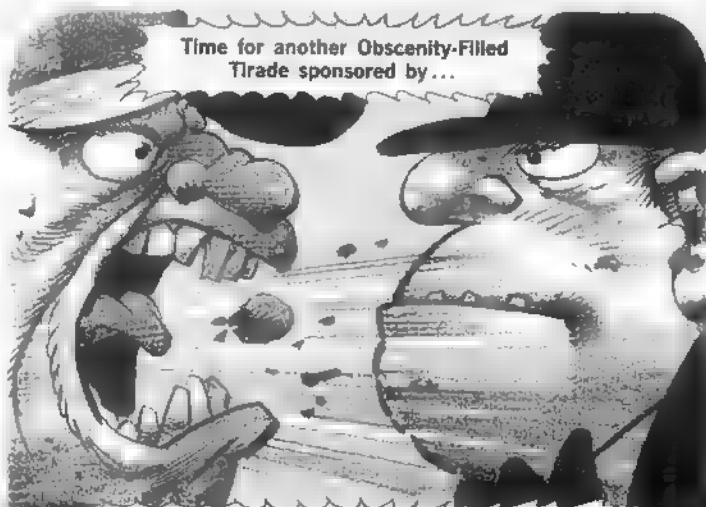
Let's look at that play again on the U.S.
Postal Service Slow Motion Replay...



THE U.S. POST OFFICE—

If you think we move slow, take a look at these guys!

Time for another Obscenity-Filled
Tirade sponsored by...



THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION—

Protecting the right of Americans to rant and
rave, regardless of race or winning percentage!

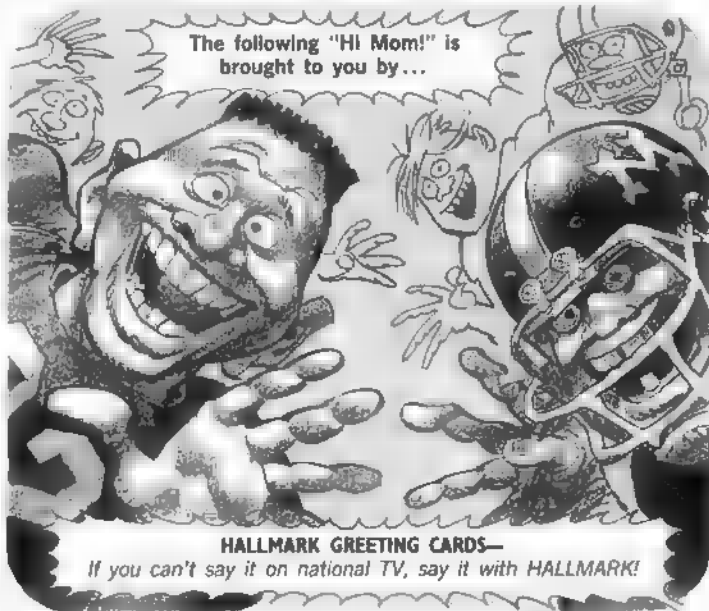
Coverage of this Locker Room
Celebration is sponsored by...



GLADE AIR FRESHENER—

Strikes out even major league odors fast!

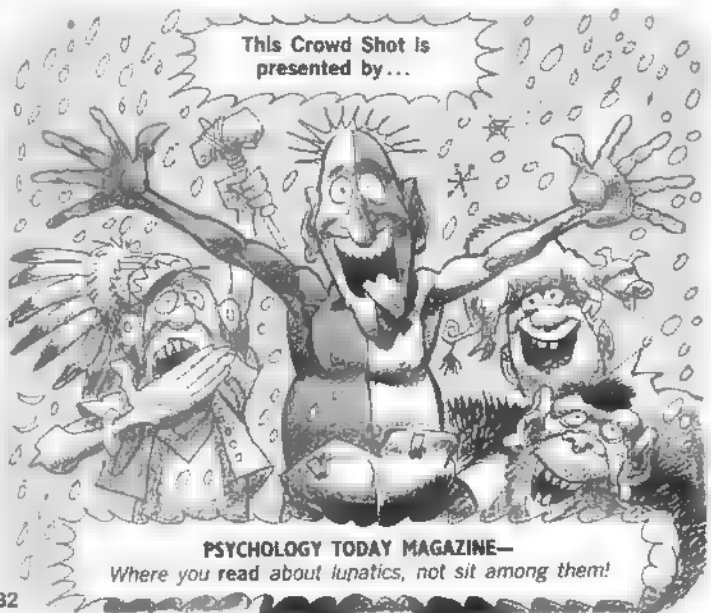
The following "Hi Mom!" is
brought to you by...



HALLMARK GREETING CARDS—

If you can't say it on national TV, say it with HALLMARK!

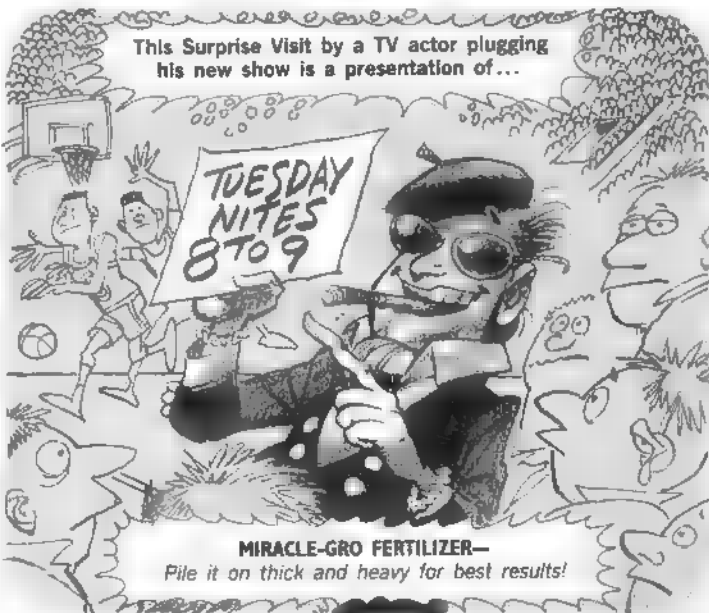
This Crowd Shot is
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PSYCHOLOGY TODAY MAGAZINE—

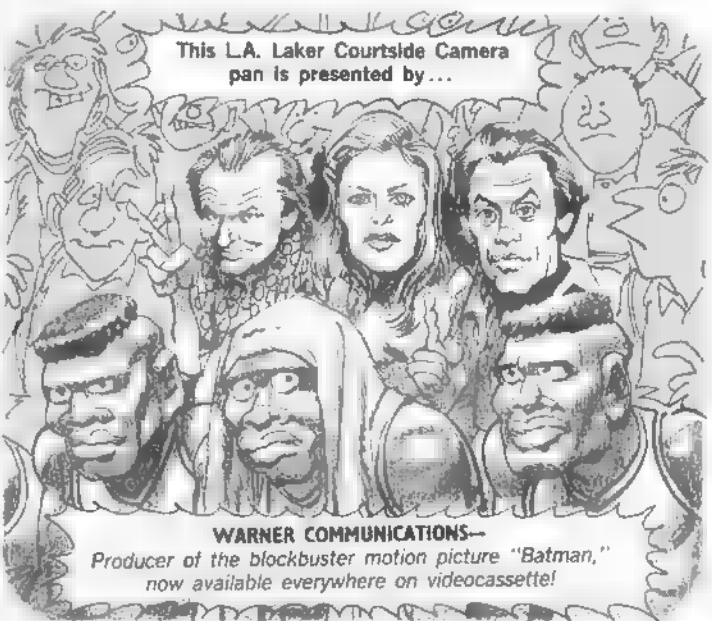
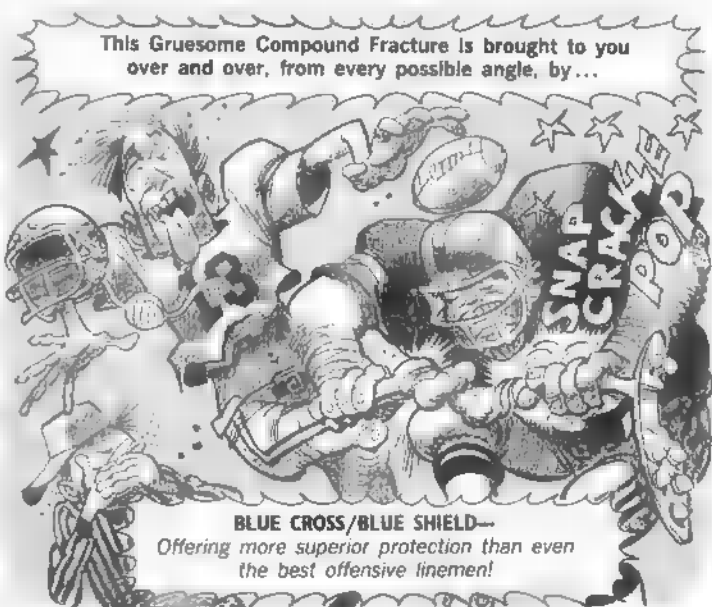
Where you read about lupatics, not sit among them!

This Surprise Visit by a TV actor plugging
his new show is a presentation of...



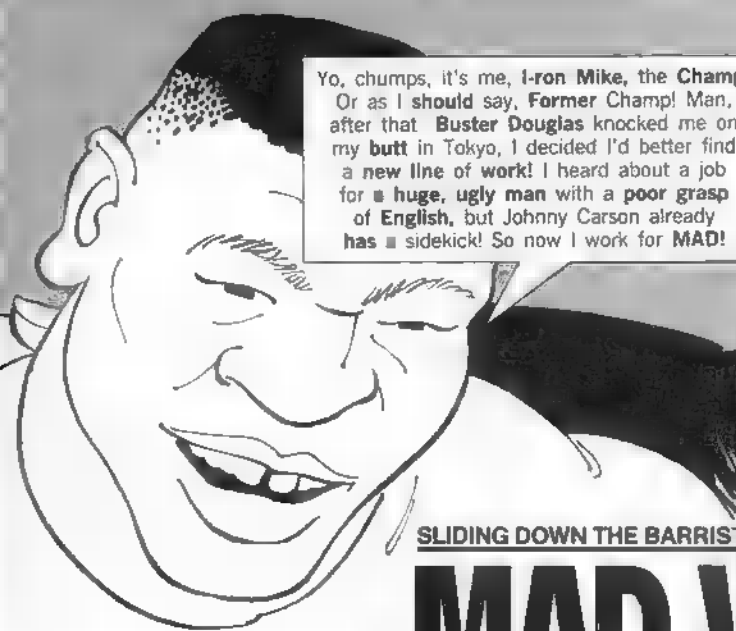
MIRACLE-GRO FERTILIZER—

Pile it on thick and heavy for best results!




THE TORTUROUS TRAPEZE TRAVESTY





Yo, chumps, it's me, I-ron Mike, the Champ! Or as I should say, **Former Champ! Man**, after that **Buster Douglas** knocked me on my butt in Tokyo, I decided I'd better find a new line of work! I heard about a job for a huge, ugly man with a poor grasp of English, but Johnny Carson already has a sidekick! So now I work for MAD!



I'm Don Kink, the famous fight promoter, manager, entrepreneur and hustler! I'm acting as co-host 'cause there's no way I'm gonna let my main meal ticket get within a mile of a lawyer unless I'm there to protect him! I mean, some of the stuff they pull is enough to make your hair stand on end! You'll see why as...

SLIDING DOWN THE BARRISTER DEPT.

MAD VISITS A MODERN DAY LAW SCHOOL

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE



I'm Dean Litigate! Welcome to the Real World Law School!

I used to watch the old TV show **Paper Chase**. Those dudes were taught about truth and justice. Is that what you teach here?

Don't be silly! Our students are trained to become lawyers, not comic book heroes! Besides, the only paper a lawyer ever chases is colored green!

I sure don't have any problem relating to that!

Our buildings are named after lawyers who served the nation with honor. That's the Richard Nixon Student Center, the Spiro Agnew Library, the Sam Pierce Dorm, the Jim Wright Hall and the Senator Al D'Amato Gym!

You should have named somethin' after my favorite lawyer, Perry Mason. He's unbeaten, like I used to be!

Champ, no lawyer ever loses, even if his client goes to jail! He still gets paid and a guilty verdict means an appeal and that means more money. That's what makes law such a marvelous profession!

BUSTER WHO?

The students work out so they can get in shape for chasing down ambulances! Ha ha, that's a joke! Actually, it's a lawyer's job to arrive at the scene of an accident as soon as possible in order to help those lucky people!

What's so lucky about bein' in a accident?

With the right lawyer a minor accident can be like winning the lottery! In these days of seven-figure insurance settlements, you have a shot at becoming an instant millionaire!

Yeah, but you shysters take a big hunk of any settlement money!

We're entitled! We do all the work! All the client has to do is lie there and bleed—sort of like your opponents, Mike!

Sure, there's nothin' wrong with a middle man getting a big piece of the action! Trust me on this one!



Our hot line has informed us of a 10-car pile-up! We're taking the students on a field trip so they can watch lawyers in action!

Look at all the cars! They must be doctors rushing to the scene!

No, they're lawyers! I wish they were doctors!

So they could help the crash victims?

No, so we could get some mal-practice suits going, too!



Were any of your loved ones hurt?

Great! I mean, sorry. We'll sue the driver for 10 million! This was definitely caused by driver's error!

Then we'll sue the car maker for building an unsafe auto! We'll sue the city for lousy roads! We'll sue the radio station you had tuned-in for distracting you! And we'll sue the manufacturer of your shirt! It's cut way too tight for you to maneuver a car properly!

My wife died.

But I'm the driver!



I'm lucky, I didn't get hurt at all!

Shh! Someone might hear you! Put this neck brace on and start groaning! We'll claim pain, suffering and mental anguish!

Yeah, I know about pain and mental anguish! When I was married to Robin Givens, my mother-in-law lived with us for a whole year!



Counselor, I'm from Gall State Insurance Company.

My client's in very bad shape! We're talking severe trauma here!

Tell you what, get him to sign this release and my company will give you thousands in referral business!

You got it! Did I say trauma? What I meant was he only has a few minor scratches!

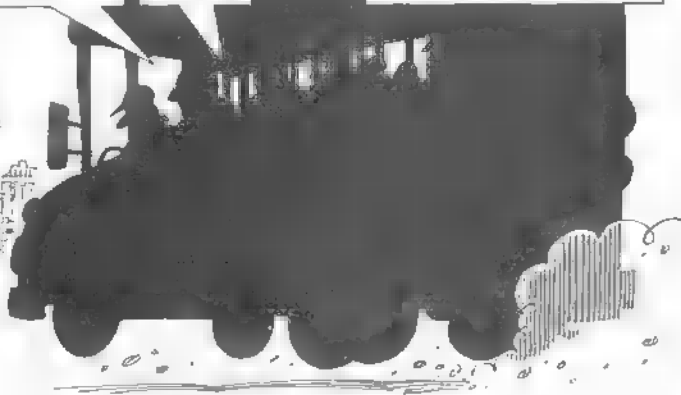


Being a lawyer isn't all **gravy**! We're supposed to donate 20 hours a year of free legal service.

So what's the **big deal**? I do a lot of fighting for free!

You mean exhibition charity bouts?

No—on the streets of New York at two in the morning! I also fought my wife and thought it was a **freebie**, but after her lawyers got through with me she became my highest paid opponent!



Now that we're back in a **classroom**, please be quiet! These students are taking an exam in Legal Ethics. Notice there are no teachers or monitors present!

So, you're teaching them the **honor system**!

No, we're teaching them to cheat! How else will they become competitive and successful?!



What happens if you find out a lawyer is stealing from a client?

Then he's punished by the Bar Association for violating one of the most important commandments!

Oh, you mean "Thou shalt not steal"?

No, I mean "Thou shalt not get caught"!



Mr. Jones died and left his estate valued at \$250,000 to his wife. How much will she actually receive?

Hey, I'm no **Yahoo Serious** but even I could figure that out—\$250,000!

I'm afraid you'd never make a decent lawyer!

She wouldn't receive anything! We'd use up the entire estate in legal fees!

Then we'd hit her with a bill for services that weren't covered by the estate!

Beautiful! Talk about the old 1-2 sucker punch!



I got sent to reform school for rippin' off ten bucks from some old lady, and look what you guys get away with!

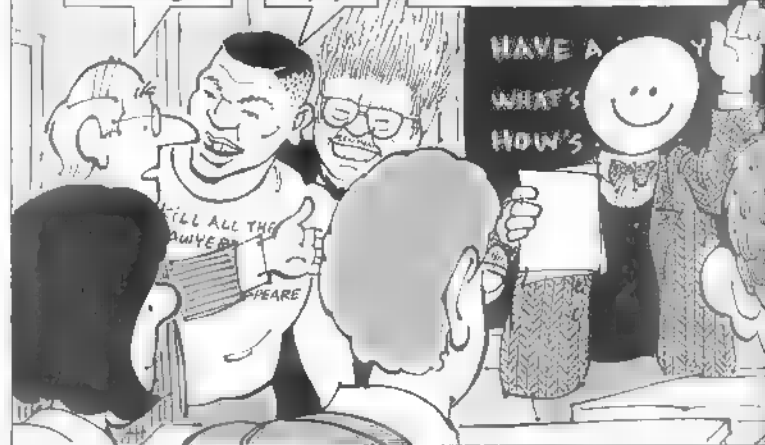
That's what law school is all about! You learn to rip people off but you do it legally! That's what makes you a professional!

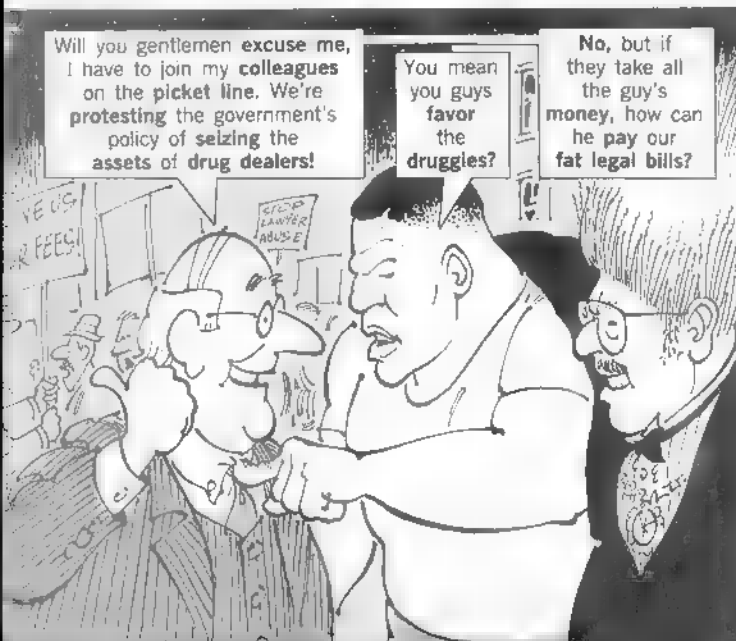
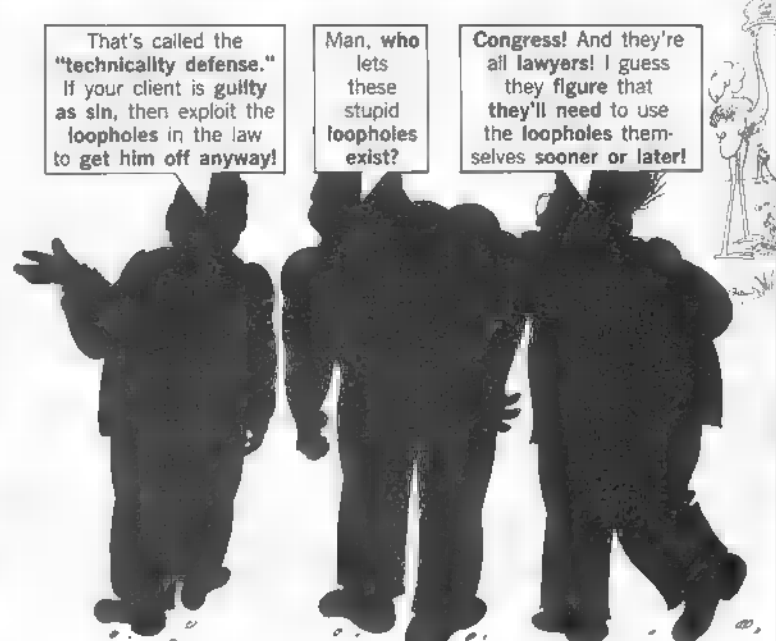


Communicating with people is an important part of a lawyer's training!

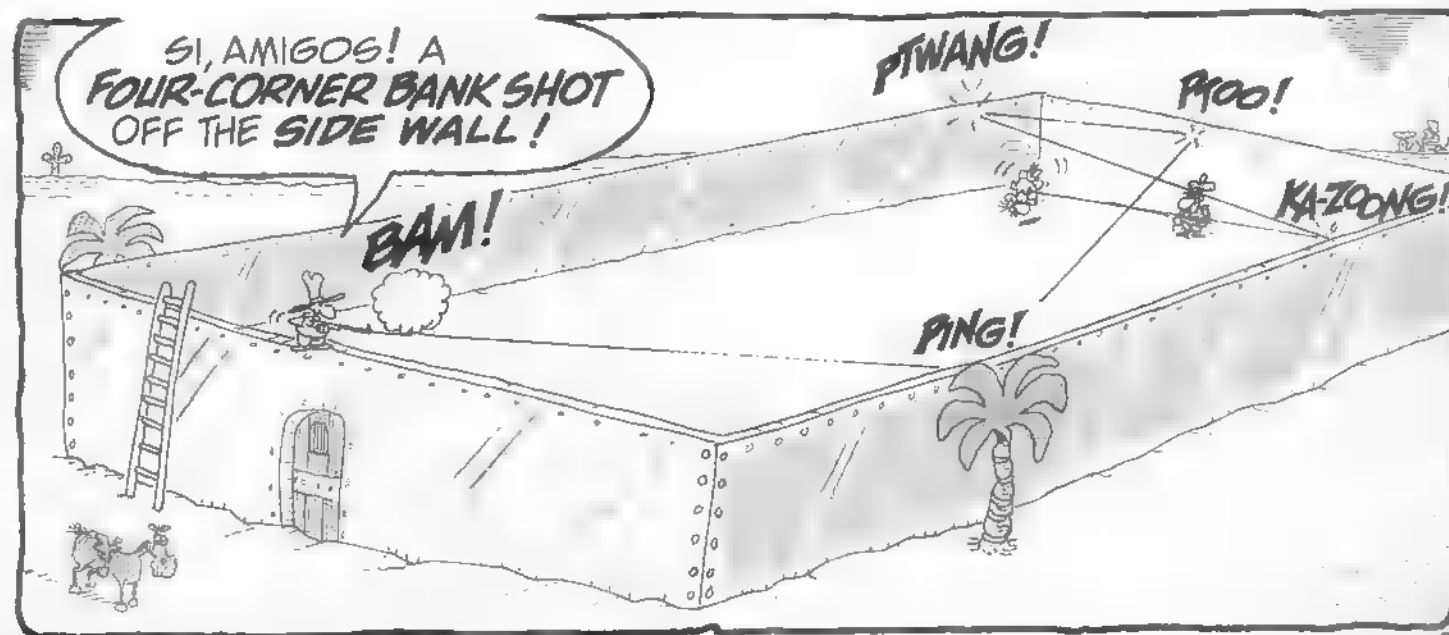
So he can make a plea before a jury?

No, so he can make small talk with a client. Based on our minute-by-minute rates, just saying, "Good morning, how's the family?" can cost a client a few hundred dollars!





THE SADISTIC SHARPSHOOTER'S STUNT



HOT DOG SPACE SHOT



FOO WITH

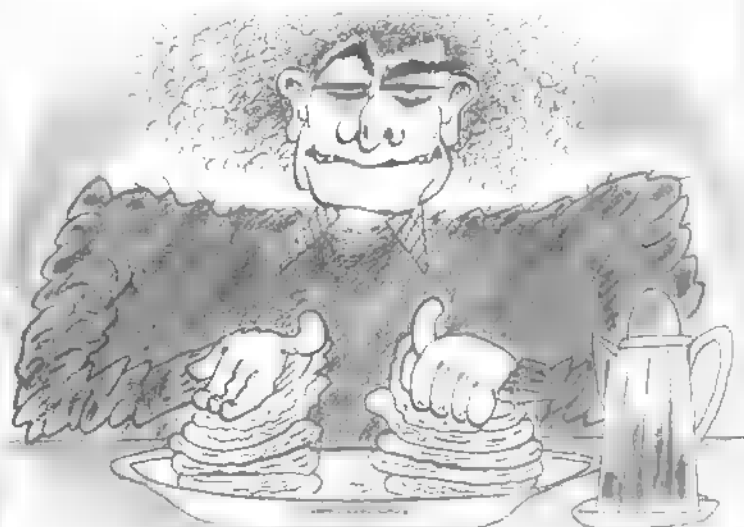
MEAT LOAF SLINKY



FRESH VEGETABLE CHESS



HOT CAKES AND BUTTER LAS VEGAS SHUFFLE



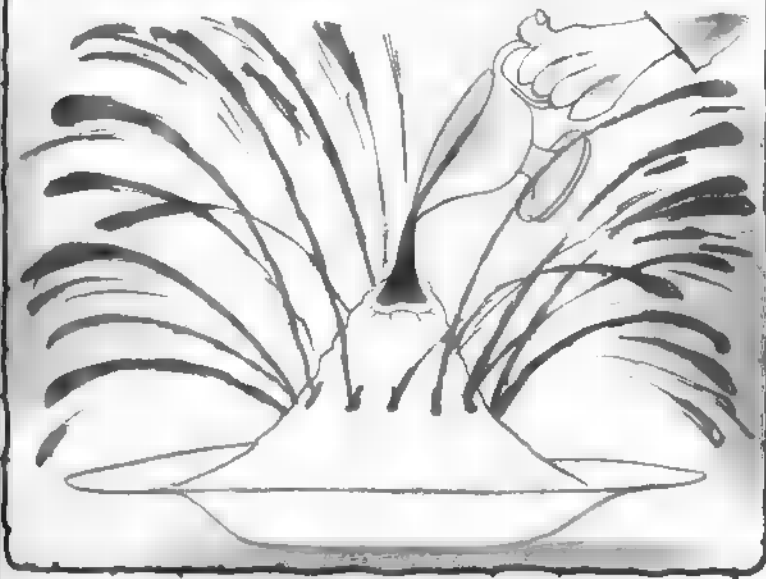
LING FOOD

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

CHICK PEAS VS. GREEN PEAS ROLLER DERBY



MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY DANCING FOUNTAINS



CORN-ON-THE-COB SAMPLERS



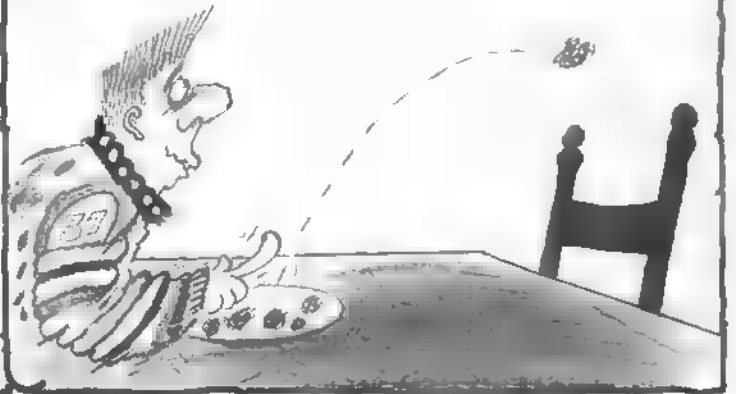
MEATBALL JACKS



FRENCH FRIES PICK-UP STICKS



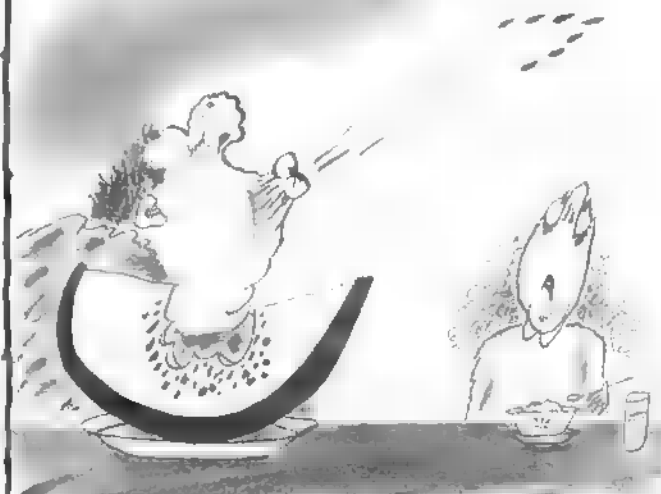
BRUSSELS SPROUTS EXTRA POINT KICKS



GRILLED CHEESE CAT'S CRADLE



WATERMELON AIR SHOW FLY-BY



CHICKEN WING BOOMERANG



CHEERIOS VS. SHREDDED WHEAT TIC-TAC-TOE



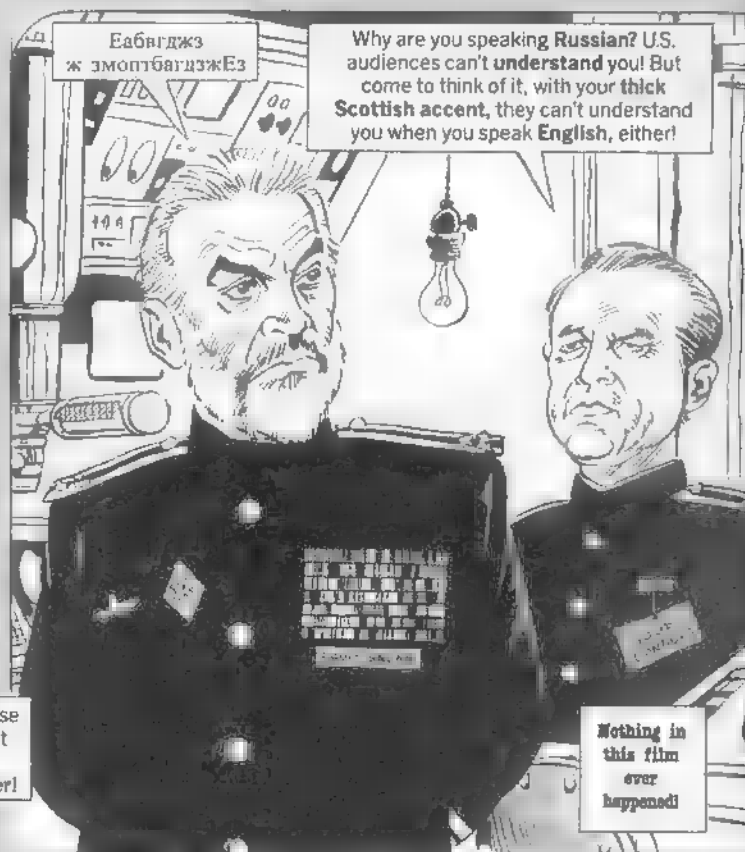
A SHOW OF DEFECTION DEPT.

One of the year's biggest hits is a film that was out of date even before it came out! It is a story about the Cold War (remember that?) released just as the Russian Empire was falling apart. Current events make this new film a piece of nostalgia. The entire thing was really a...

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Why are you speaking Russian? U.S. audiences can't understand you! But come to think of it, with your thick Scottish accent, they can't understand you when you speak English, either!

I heard this movie has a lot of suspense!

Yeah. You're never sure if it will ever end!

I held my breath through most of this picture!

Because it was so exciting?

No, because most of it was underwater!

Nothing in this film ever happened!

What's going on over there?

They're Sean Connery fans! Whenever they see him they get so excited, they throw their Medicare cards in the air!

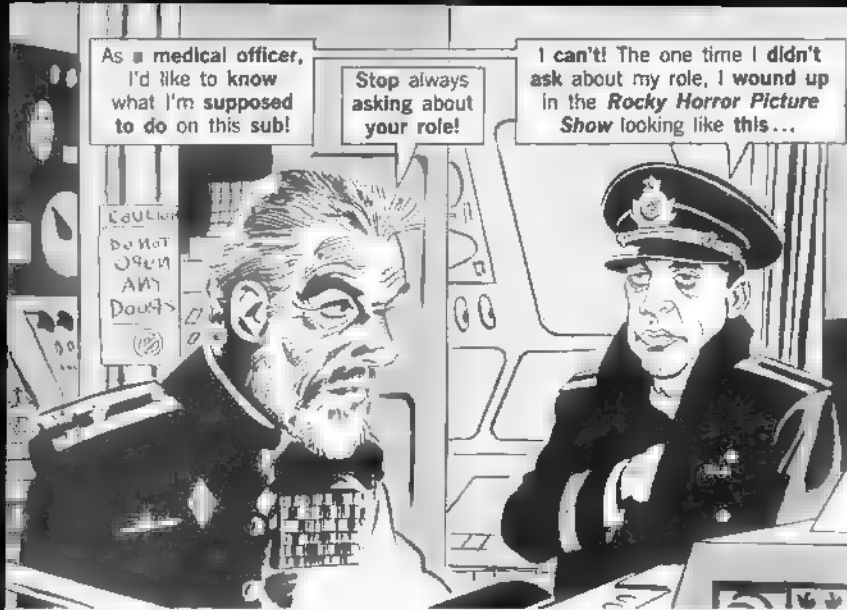
Did you read the disclaimer the producers put on the screen about this never happening?

It made me feel like a schmuck to spend seven bucks to see nothing happen!

I love Sean Connery! He can do so many things that other actors can't!

Yeah. Like growing a full head of hair since his last picture!





As a medical officer, I'd like to know what I'm supposed to do on this sub!

Stop always asking about your role!

I can't! The one time I didn't ask about my role, I wound up in the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* looking like this...



TIM CURRY IN THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

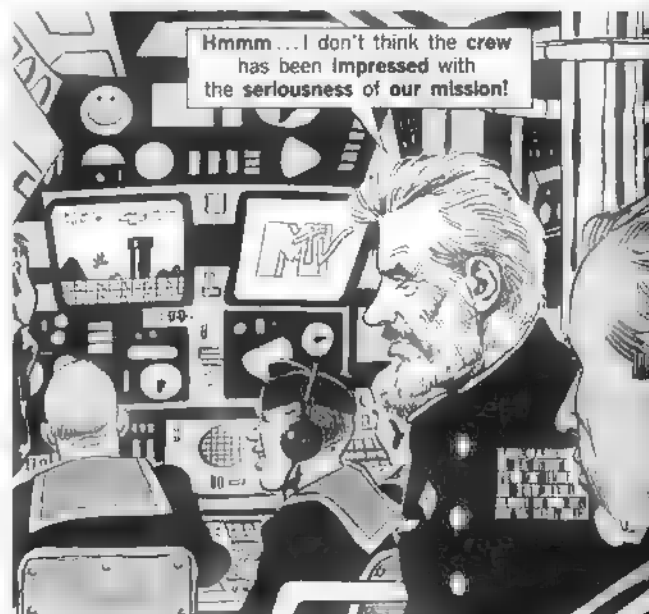


We have absolutely no defense against the new class of Russian submarines!

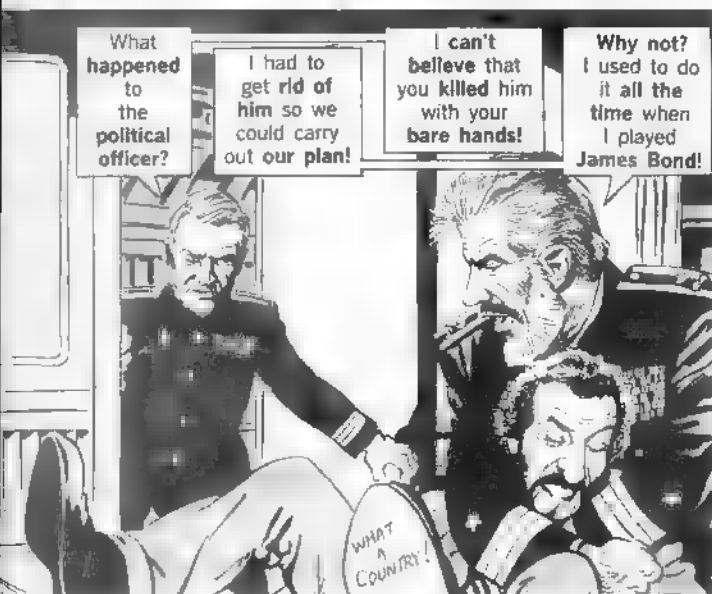
It looks like the United States is in a "no-win" situation!

What do you mean, sir?

Right now the government is unprepared to face the threat of war. In a few months, it'll be unprepared to face the threat of peace!



Hmmm... I don't think the crew has been impressed with the seriousness of our mission!

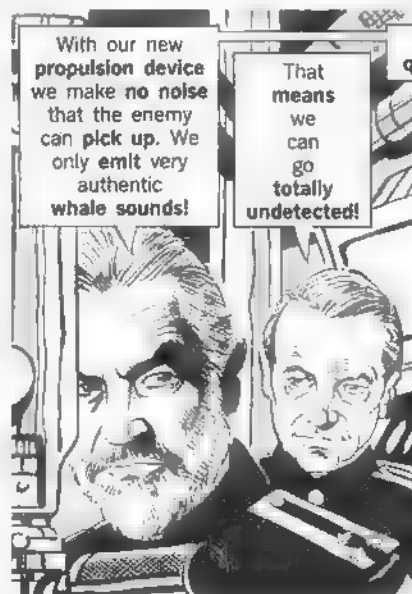


What happened to the political officer?

I had to get rid of him so we could carry out our plan!

I can't believe that you killed him with your bare hands!

Why not? I used to do it all the time when I played James Bond!



With our new propulsion device we make no noise that the enemy can pick up. We only emit very authentic whale sounds!

That means we can go totally undetected!

Not quite...

How about a nice quiet dinner of crustaceans, and then back to my place?



I'm afraid we've lost track of the Russian sub, sir!

How could that have happened?

Before going into the Navy, our tracker here used to be an air traffic controller in civilian life!

I have something new to show you!

This better be something we haven't seen before!

It is...

...I just got them back from Fotomat this morning! That's my wife on the left!

I'm sure that Captain Remus is trying to defect to the United States!

Nonsense! Balderdash! Putz!

I know the man! I met him at an embassy affair!

You met him once and you think you know him?

You can learn a lot about a person when you dance till dawn with him!

Piffle! Foolishness! Cockle doodle!

I didn't convince them that Remus is defecting!

No! This is a matter of national security! They need scientific proof! They're going to consult Nancy Reagan's astrologer!

I don't know how effective that's going to be in hearing the sub!

Captain, sometimes the oldest methods are the best!

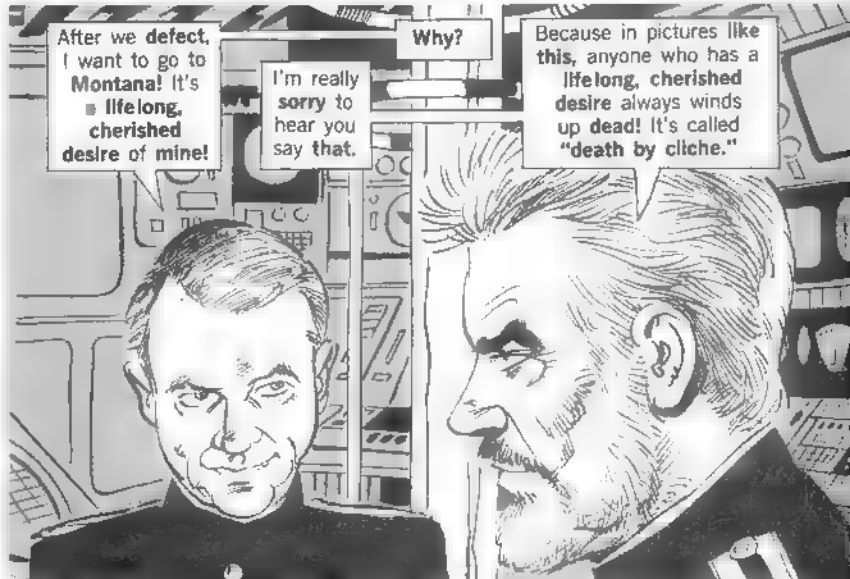
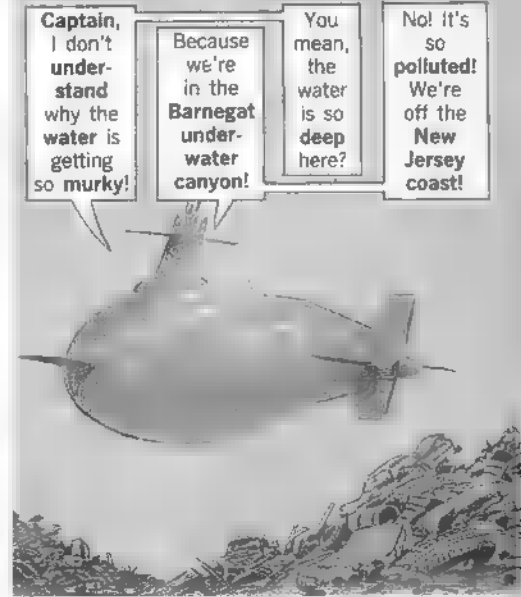
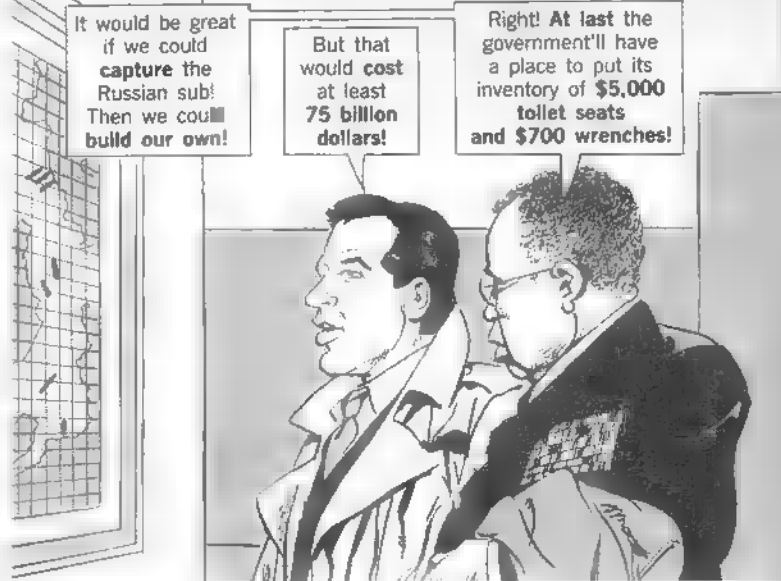
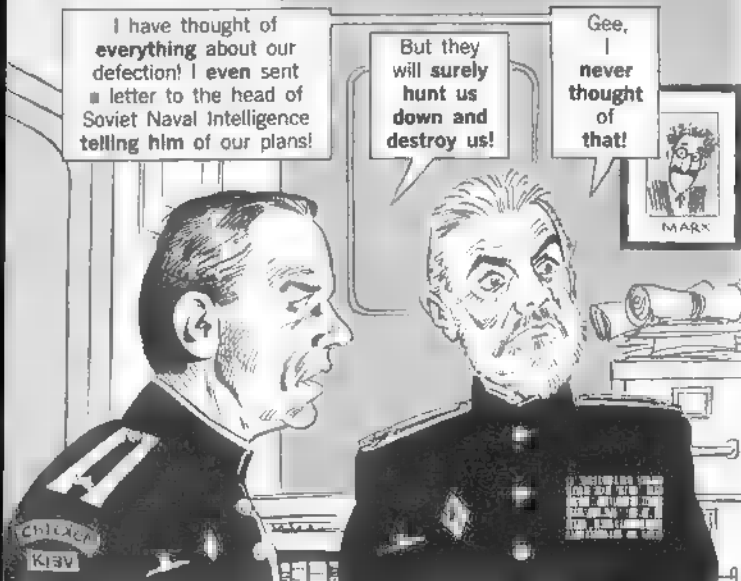
Shh! I hear something!

What?

Two people making love below deck on a Carnival cruise ship!

OH, FRANK...

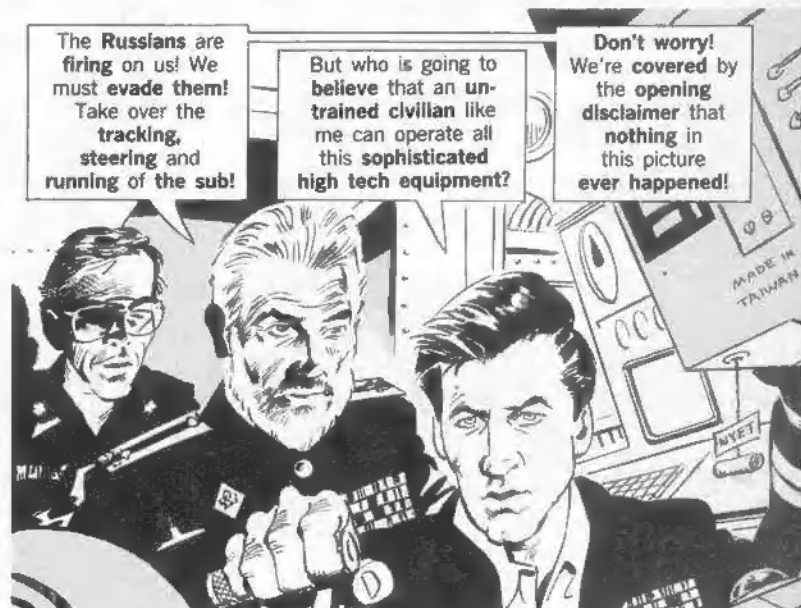
OH... KATHIE LEE...





Someone is knocking on the outside hatch! It must be Americans trying to come over in a mini-sub!

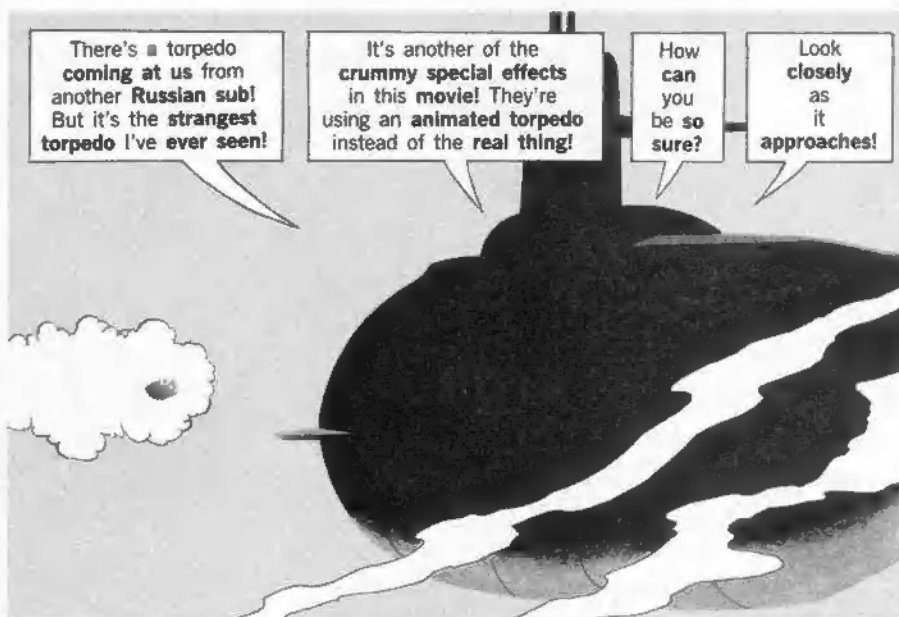
Either that or it's the most determined Jehovah's Witness ever!



The Russians are firing on us! We must evade them! Take over the tracking, steering and running of the sub!

But who is going to believe that an untrained civilian like me can operate all this sophisticated high tech equipment?

Don't worry! We're covered by the opening disclaimer that nothing in this picture ever happened!



There's a torpedo coming at us from another Russian sub! But it's the strangest torpedo I've ever seen!

It's another of the crummy special effects in this movie! They're using an animated torpedo instead of the real thing!

How can you be so sure?

Look closely as it approaches!



It missed us! We're safe! Let's head for the coast of Maine!

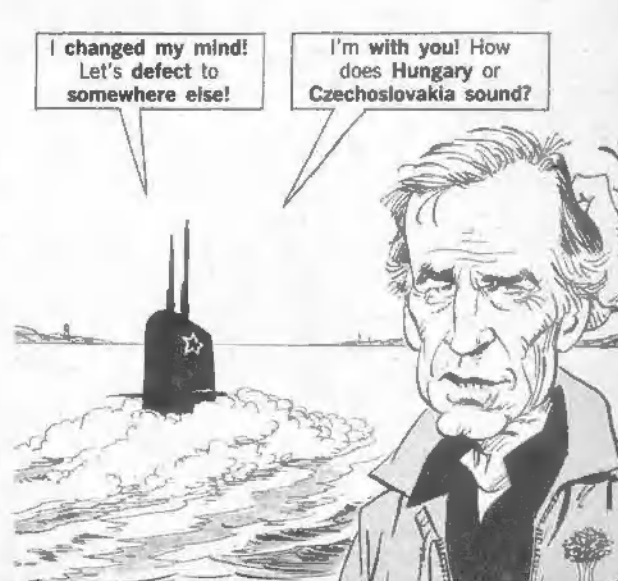
Right on, Captain Remus!



I want to welcome you as one of our thousand points of light! Read my lips! You reaffirmed my vision thing because without you, we'd be in deep doo doo!

Who the hell is that idiot?

He's the President of the United States!



I changed my mind! Let's defect to somewhere else!

I'm with you! How does Hungary or Czechoslovakia sound?

STRING FEVER DEPT.

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WHAT IS
THE MOST
SICKENING
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TODAY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Just when you think the movie industry has shown every revolting possibility on the screen, the diabolical fiends seem to come up with a new outrage! To find out what their latest bit of vile work is, simply fold in page as shown in diagram on right.



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COMPLAINTS ARE MOUNTING AGAINST FILMMAKERS WHO SHOW MERCILESS VILLAINS, VULGAR SEX, AND SICK TWISTED MORALS IN THEIR FILMS. NEW LAWS MAY SOON PUT THEM IN ROUGH WATERS.

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A MAP WE'RE SOON LIKELY TO SEE!

